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Kwangtung Faction Objects To Dr. Sun Criticism

Surprise Outcome To First Ballot

Nanking, Apr. 23.

Violence broke out in connection with today's vice-presidential election as 100 Kwangtung delegates to the National Assembly supporting Dr. Sun Fo wrecked the office and printing plant of the "National Salvation Daily," injuring at least seven persons.

The paper has been strongly criticising Dr. Sun in its editorial columns ever since the commencement of the vice-presidential campaign.

The raiding party, wielding wooden clubs, smashed windows, furniture and other equipment in the three-storey business office of the newspaper and then proceeded to the printing plant where they smashed the presses and scattered types and newsprint over the floor.

Seven Injured

Seven employees at the business office were injured during the attack, including the vice manager and chief editor. Six of the injured received hospital treatment but none was in a serious condition.

The attackers disappeared before the police arrived on the scene. No arrests have been made.

Employees of the paper said the raiding party, including several women, drove up to the newspaper office in two trucks. They entered the editorial offices and demanded to see the person in charge.

On being told that none of the paper's top officials were in the building, the attackers cut the telephone line and proceeded systematically to smash windows and furniture. Employees who tried to prevent them were beaten.

In a hastily called press conference following the attack, the Kwangtung delegates claimed they had been attacked by employees of the newspaper when they went there to protest against articles about Dr. Sun. They claimed that three of their group were injured. They mentioned nothing about wrecking the offices to newsmen present who had not yet heard about the attack.

The "National Salvation Daily" frequently made attacks on political figures. The paper was established 17 years ago.—United Press.

Li's Surprising Strength

Nanking, Apr. 23.

Gen. Li Tsung-jen in a surprising show of strength led by almost 200 votes over his nearest rival, Dr. Sun Fo, in the first ballot of the vice-presidential election today.

The Control Yuan President, Yu Yu-jen, one of the pre-election favourites, was eliminated by Gen. Cheng Chien head of the Generalissimo's Nanking Headquarters, who was placed third.

The results of the first ballot were as follow: Li Tsung-jen, 754; Dr. Sun Fo, 559; Gen. Cheng Chien, 522; Yu Yu-jen, 493; Mo Te-hui (Manchurian leader) 218; and Hsu Fu-lin (Social Democrat) 214.

Ballot Today

The last three will be eliminated from the second ballot which is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

The defeat of aged Yu, Control Yuan President, came as a great surprise to virtually all observers since he and Dr. Sun were believed to be the two leading contenders for the vice presidency. Yu's campaign headquarters attributed his defeat to a last minute shift by Youth Corps wing of the Kuomintang to Gen. Cheng.

"Li's demanding lead in the first ballot also was an upset since the pre-election prediction placed him third with either Dr. Sun or Yu first. Li, who is head of the Generalissimo's Peiping Headquarters, has been waging an intensive aggressive campaign on a "reform" platform.

If the second ballot tomorrow fails to produce a majority vote for anyone of the three remaining candidates, a third ballot will be held with the same three candidates. If no one of the three obtains a majority in the rerun, the lowest candidate will be eliminated and a fourth ballot held.

A count of 1,523 votes, or half of the total number of Assembly delegates were necessary for a candidate to win on the first three ballots. The fourth ballot will be decided by a simple plurality.

The procedure this morning was similar to the presidential election Monday week with delegates casting votes in closed booths inside the Assembly hall.

Top ranking foreign diplomats again were invited to observe the election procedure which went off smoothly. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was in the building but Chiang did not cast a vote or put in an appearance in the auditorium.—United Press.

"Serious Situation" Off South Korea

Seoul, Apr. 23.

An extra battalion of Korean Constabulary was rushed to the island of Cheju, off the southern coast of Korea, today to combat the "serious situation" resulting from Communist-inspired riots and sabotage.

The United States Army reported at least 46 persons have been killed since the outbreaks began on April 2 and that the tempo of violence is apparently increasing.

Fragmentary reports arriving here said communication lines are being cut constantly and handbills distributed urging the Constabulary and rightists to joint the Communists.

It is believed many casualties were not reported due to faulty communications.

The Cheju riots were accompanied by new Communist moves to disrupt the United Nations elections scheduled in Southern Korean on May 10.

Pyongyang radio announced that the North Korean People's Committee will meet on April 28 to discuss a constitution for all Korea.

At the same time it was reported that Kim Koo, Southern Korean political leader, told the All-Korea Political Conference at Pyongyang that the South Korea elections must be defeated and demanded a "united and independent Government."

The radio has not yet disclosed the stand of Kim Sic, former President of the Interim Assembly of the American Zone, who attended the Pyongyang conference much to the embarrassment of the Americans.—United Press.

Tokyo, Apr. 23.

Mr. Kenichi Osumi, member of Japan's Upper House, has been arrested and prosecuted on theft and black-marketeering charges, the Japanese press reported today.—Reuter.

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Warships Join Search For Bandits

Valetta, Malta, Apr. 23.

Two destroyers, a sloop and a submarine exercising at sea were diverted today to join the coastal patrol searching for armed bandits who yesterday stole £127,000 from the Naval Dockyard cashier at Valetta.

The waterside police have been armed and all ship and aircraft passengers are being strictly searched. Searchlights swept the coast throughout the night. Star-shells were fired and a destroyer and a frigate maintained a constant patrol to prevent the bandits escaping from the island.—Reuter.

Germany And Marshall Plan

London, Apr. 22.

The six-power conference on Germany, meeting in London in secret, faced today the problem of how far Germany's future can be linked to the Marshall Plan.

The conference, representing Britain, the United States, France, and the Benelux customs union of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, continued yesterdays' talks on economic relations between Western Germany and Western Europe, and on control of the industrial Ruhr area.

The aspects of these problems, which are within the scope of the European recovery programme, must be handled by the organisation for European economic cooperation (the Marshall Plan), created in Paris last Friday.

France's expert, M. Herve Alphand, Director of the Economic Section of the French Foreign Office, sat with the conference for the first time. General Pierre Koenig, commanding all French troops in Germany and Austria, has not arrived in London.—Reuter.

German Shipping Increase

Hamburg, Apr. 23.

A British shipping official said the German merchant fleet probably will be increased soon with the help of the Marshall Plan.

He said the German Economic Council and Allied Control authorities are giving close attention to the probable necessity that the German fleet be increased to meet requirements of the European Recovery Programme.

Allied and German shipping circles unofficially predict West German production may soon be carried in trans-oceanic trade in German-manned ships.

But before any such action can be taken the Western Allies will have to abandon the Potsdam Agreement which limits the German merchant fleet to coastal trade.

At present most German cargoes are carried in American or British ships.—Associated Press.

THREE DIE BY DOG BITES

Canton, Apr. 22.

Three persons died in a Honan suburb hospital and one in Tungshan as a result of dog bites. Consequently municipal health authorities are talking about muzzling all dogs. Anti-hydrophobia supplies in Canton are said to be low.—Associated Press.

BURMA REPATS ON WAY HOME

Canton, Apr. 23.

Two hundred and ninety four overseas Chinese left here by train this morning for Hong Kong where they will board a ship to return to Rangoon, their former place of domicile before the war.—Central News.

Filipinos Pay Homage To Roxas

Manila, Apr. 23.

Filipino citizens from all walks of life thronged Malacanan Palace late today to pay homage to the late President Manuel Roxas in national neurological services.

With prayer and eulogy and solemnity the young Republic paid its respects to the first President in prelude to burial rites which take place on Sunday.

A few hundred specially invited guests seated under glittering crystal chandeliers of the Palace reception hall were excelled by a roughly estimated 10,000 to 20,000 more men, women and children in their Sunday best who crowded into the Social Hall on the Pasig River and seated themselves in Malacanan Gardens.

It was a quiet and orderly and humble crowd. By loudspeaker they heard their late President extolled as one of the greatest Filipinos of his age. They heard him praised as one who had done his work well and mourned as an irreparable loss to the nation.

Manila showed its deep respect for a dead President. But his widow, Mrs. Trinidad Deleon Roxas, was not there to see. Under her physician's care she grieved in seclusion and may be unable to attend the burial services on Sunday. — Associated Press.

Hong Kong Man Dies In Tokyo

Tokyo, Apr. 23.

United States army criminal investigation division agents are investigating the death of James Joseph McGuire, 42, of Hong Kong. It was announced today that he died as the result of a fall from his room on the fifth floor of the Tokyo Hotel.

The army said: "It has not yet been discovered whether he fell, jumped or was pushed."

McGuire, a British citizen, arrived yesterday from Hong Kong. He was a representative of Jardine, Matheson and Company, a British shipping firm.

It was announced that he fell from his hotel window shortly after noon, was rushed to an army hospital where he was pronounced dead.—United Press.

Farben Officials Acquitted

Nuremberg, Apr. 22.

An American war crimes tribunal today acquitted 23 of 24 former high officials of the I.G. Farben chemical combine of charges of plunder and spoliation of factories in Czechoslovakia and Austria.

The acquittal only frees the defendants of charges involving these two countries. It does not affect the charges of responsibility for plundering in Poland, the Soviet Union, France and Norway.

The plunder and spoliation count is one of four being heard by the tribunal.

The tribunal ruled that the charges alleged of plundering activities in Czechoslovakia and Austria, even if fully established by evidence, would not constitute a crime against humanity, since the offences were solely against property.

The tribunal also ruled that a common plan or conspiracy does not exist as a matter of law with respect to war crimes and crimes against humanity. The tribunal, however, did not dismiss the charges relating to conspiracy or a common plan to commit crimes against the peace.—Reuter.

Anzac Message From B.C.O.F.

An Anzac Day message was received yesterday by Headquarters, Land Forces, from Lt.-Gen. H.C.H. Robertson, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commanding the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan. The message read:

"Grateful if you would pass the following message to the Australian-New Zealand Association, Hong Kong. On Anzac Day, 1948, I send greetings and remembrances to all members of your Association."

King's Title To Be Changed

London, Apr. 22.

The King will shortly issue a proclamation announcing changes in the Royal title, due to the transfer of power to India and Pakistan, it was learned from authoritative London quarters tonight.

The chief point will be the omission of the words "Emperor of India" from the Royal style and title.

The Government, some months before the transfer of power, started the constitutional processes necessary to make the changes. These, under the Statute of Westminster, required the assent of the other Dominions.

An effect of the proclamation will be that British coinage, documents, medals, and possibly some stamps, will in future exclude the words "Emperor of India."

The change will also involve an alteration in the King's signature. He will no longer sign "George R.I." but merely "George R."

The forthcoming proclamation was provided for in the Indian Independence Act which transferred power. All the Dominions and Eire were consulted on the question of the alteration of the Royal style and title and have indicated their assent. Eire was consulted in June of last year and indicated approval. The Canadian, New Zealand and Australian Parliaments, in that order, authorised the necessary alteration last year. South Africa, as recently as March, gave her legal assent.—Reuter.

9.30 p.m. Illuminating circuits will be switched off at midnight.

RN To Observe Royal Silver Wedding

Monday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Their Majesties the King and Queen. H.M. Ships will be dressed overall from 8 a.m. to sunset and a Royal Salute of 21 guns will be fired by H.M. Ships in harbour at noon.

In the evening a firework display will be given in the Harbour by H.M. Ships "London," "Alacrity", "Alert" and "Consort and by H.M.A.S. "Quiberon".

H.M. Ships in harbour will be darkened at 9.45 p.m. but anchor lights will be left switched on. At 9.15 p.m. H.M. Ships will sound their sirens for 30 seconds as a preliminary warning that the firework display is about to begin. The siren signal will be repeated for 30 seconds between 9.18½ p.m. and 9.19 p.m. The first bouquet of rockets will be fired at 9.20 p.m. and the display will continue until 9.30 p.m. Ships illuminating circuits will be switched on with the burst of the last bouquet of rockets at

PICTURE OF THE DAY

The Man Failed

Palmiro Togliatti, leader of the Italian Communist Party, during a speech in Milan. Even in that hotbed of Communism, his party lost substantial ground. (A.P. Photo)

Crewe Rail Smash

Crewe, Cheshire, Apr. 22.

The pulling of the communication cord by a 20-year old soldier was not the cause of the train smash at Winsford, Cheshire, last Saturday, in which 24 people were killed.

Colonel G. S. Wilson, inspection officer of railways, stating this at the official inquiry here today, said there had been much publicity about the pulling of the signal which was done irresponsibly.

"It happened in this case to produce a set of circumstances which did lead perhaps to the accident, but the cord might just as well have been legitimately pulled for some very good reason and the train could have stopped just the same," he said.

The signalling system and rules were such that a stoppage should be fully protected. In this case, they were not properly carried out and the following mail train, which crashed into the back of the Glasgow to London passenger express, was admitted to an occupied section of the line.—Reuter.

No Empire Trade Mission To Hong Kong

London, Apr. 23.

The Government rejected a suggestion by a Conservative member in the House of Commons yesterday that it should propose to the Dominions the sending of a joint economic mission to Japan, China, Hong Kong, Malaya, the Philippines and Siam.

Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said that consultation between Britain and the other Commonwealth countries concerned on all major economic questions in the Far East, for example, Japanese trade and finance, was already close and constant.

The British Government knew of no purpose which would be served by the despatch of a mission which was not already provided for by other means.—Reuter.

FIVE-POWER COOPERATION

London, Apr. 22.

The Treasury stated tonight that "the financial experts of the five powers which signed the Treaty of Brussels have met at The Hague to prepare the agenda for the meeting of the Finance Ministers of the five countries at Brussels at the beginning of next week.

"The discussions will deal with measures for developing the financial and economic collaboration of the five countries in the framework both of the treaty and the organisation for European economic cooperation.—Reuter.

FOUR CHARGED WITH "VAN HEUTSZ" PIRACY

As the result of unceasing inquiries for more than four months by the Police, four alleged members of the pirate gang which seized the s.s. "Van Heutsz" on Dec. 14 last appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with piracy on the high seas.

On the application of Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence L. R. Whant, the Magistrate remanded Ling Cheuk-wah (40), unemployed, Keung Kin-chung alias Lui Pui (45), travelling trader, Ling Chun-kai alias Ling Chung (29), travelling trader, and Chan Chung-nam alias Chan Chik (36), unemployed, for three days in custody.

The accused are alleged to have, with others not in custody, put the Master (Klaas Alberter Vlick), other officers, crew and certain passengers of the "Van Heutsz" in fear of their lives, and to have stolen the ship's motor boat, seven revolvers, six pistols, five rifles, two submachine guns; $675, SS$175, and 350 Dutch guilders from Vlick; and an Omega wristwatch, pair of binoculars and a fountain pen from A. Vander Meulen.

Further charges will be preferred after investigations have been completed, and owners of the recovered loot found.

The arrest of the four men, at 4 a.m. on Thursday, reflected the greatest credit on the local Police force, particularly members of the Kowloon C.I.D. Headquarters under ADCI (K) Whant.

Under Observation

The Kowloon force left Tsimtsatsui Police Station in two parties, one under Mr. Whant and the other under Det.-Inspector Franklin. The Headquarters party (ADCI Whant, DSI C. Fope and Det.-Sgt. Lau Fuk) went to the Hotel Nathan entered Room 425 on the third floor, and took into custody Ling Chan-kai whose movements, since his arrival at Hong Kong about a month ago, had been kept under careful observation.

Det-Inspector Franklin, DSI W.B. Scragg and Det.-Sgt. Chan Lap proceeded to 302 Nathan Road. After the block had been cordoned off, the Police rushed the second floor, and took into custody Keung Kin-chung alias Lui Piu, besides recovering a large quantity of jewellery and approximately $52,000 in $500 notes.

The two raiding parties reassembled at the Hotel Nathan. They then rushed to Lai Chi Yuen, in Kowloon City, and, in an unnumbered hut, grabbed Chan Chung-nam alias Chan Chik.

While the Kowloon CID men were busily engaged in their round-ups, a Hong Kong contingent, under Det.-Inspector Saul, raided 376 Queen's Road West, second floor, and took into custody Ling Cheuk-wah.

Identification Parades

During the whole of yesterday, the Kowloon detectives were busily engaged in escorting the officers and crew of the "Van Heutsz" to the Water Police Station for attendance at the Identification parades. It was after they had been identified by some of the victims that the four men were charged and brought before the Magistrate late in the afternoon.

The "Van Heutsz" was pirated on the night of Dec. 14. last and was under the control of the pirates for more than 15 hours. After relieving the officers and crew and passengers of their money and other valuables, they forced six of the first-class passengers into one of the ship's motor-boat and made towards Bias Bay.

On April 11, Messrs. Tan Kit-cheang (son of Mr. Tan Kah-kee, the multi-millionaire), Pak Ki-po (manager of the Swatow Municipal Bank), and Tan Cheng-seng (staff member of a local Chinese bank) were secretly landed in Hong Kong from a junk, without any ransom having been paid for their release. The other three victims are still missing.

U Saw Applies For Appeal

Rangoon, Apr. 23.

U Saw, former Burmese Premier, sentenced to death for his part in the assassination of U Aung San and other Cabinet Ministers last July, today applied to the Supreme Court here for special permission to appeal against his sentence.

The Chief Justice, who presided, said that the Court's decision would be announced early next week.

On March 18, the Rangoon High Court dismissed U Saw's appeal to take his case to the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

Secret Offer On The Sudan?

Cairo, Apr. 22.

Britain was stated by the influential Egyptian paper "Al Ahram" tonight to have made a new secret offer to the Egyptian Government on the Sudan, the issue over which the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations broke down in January, 1947.

Quoting an Egyptian Government spokesman, the paper said the offer, which was received 45 days ago, exceeds the expectations of the Egyptian people.

It has been kept strictly secret and is likely to be disclosed soon, the paper said, adding that the British Foreign Office secrecy was prompted by the desire not to reveal details of the offer until an acceptance by the Egyptian Government was assured.

It added: "Once Egypt accepts the offer, negotiations will be resumed and the result of the endeavours now being made will be a pleasant surprise to both Egypt and the Sudan."—Reuter.

U.S. Getting Ready For China Aid

Washington, Apr. 22.

High sources within the Economic Coordination Administration indicated today they have begun assembling personnel for execution of the China aid programme.

These sources indicated the financial estimates for the programme, which are being placed before the House Appropriations Committee, are not likely to be brought before the Committee until the European budgets are determined. However, administrator Paul Hoffman's office is establishing machinery for the China project to be in position to start action as soon as the necessary preliminaries are completed.

The ECA has not indicated the nature of the China programme but authoritative quarters say emphasis is likely to be placed upon economic reconstruction financed by self-liquidating loans rather than relief through grants-in-aid.

The Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce urged reconstruction rather than aid and urged that American businessmen be permitted to participate in the programme in the form of voluntary aid from persons acquainted with the objectives of the programme.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Pressure is high over N China and in a ridge extending from the Pacific anticyclone across the Philippines and the S China Sea. From a vigorous depression over SW China, a broad trough now stretches across the Eastern Sea to a complex depression system over U and M Japan.

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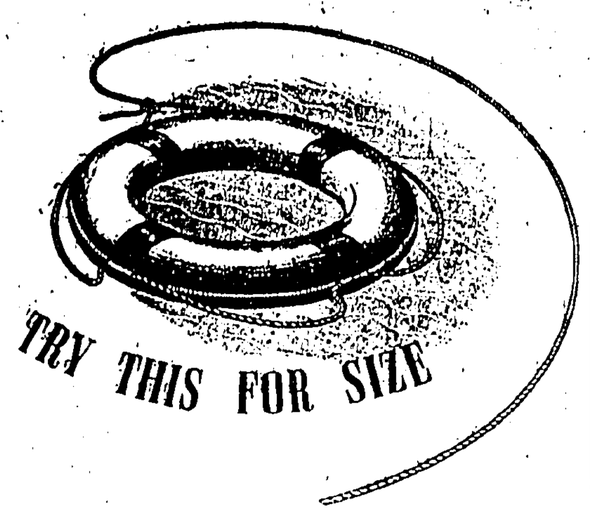

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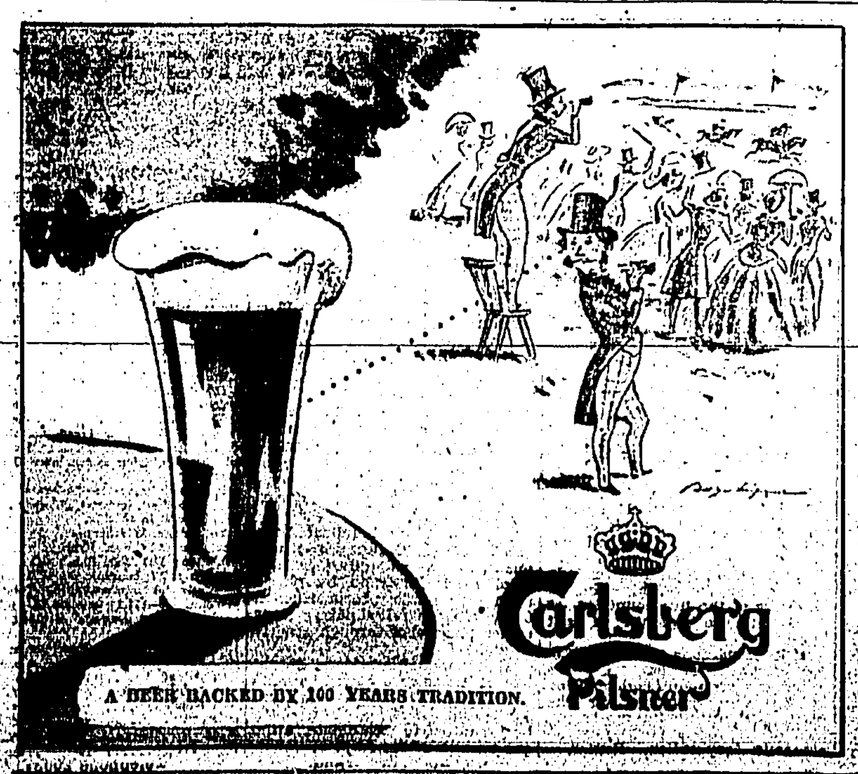

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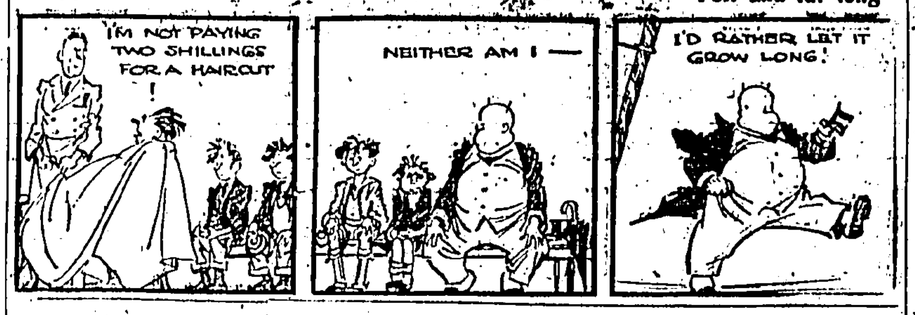

Eviction Application

Lengthy Legal Argument

At yesterday's resumed hearing of the application by Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited for an eviction order against Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach (Mayo's Shoppe) before Mr. D. L. Strellett, sitting as a Magistrate in Tenancy Tribunal "A" at the Supreme Court, Mr. J. G. Meyer, a Director of Mackintosh's said that in Aug. 1946, his firm optimistically hoped that opponents would vacate and did not appreciate the legal obstacles in the way.

The premises in respect of which the eviction order is sought are Shop 7C, Alexandra Building, which were occupied by Mackintosh's before the war, but were taken over by the opponents during the Occupation. The landlords of the premises in which this shop is situated are the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited.

Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. J.T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, is appearing for Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited.

Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach are represented by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y.K. Kan of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

At the first hearing of the case, it was stated that opponents were given a temporary monthly tenancy of the premises on condition that they would give up possession on the return of Mackintosh's.

Answering questions by Mr. Bernacchi, Mr. B.C. Field, Secretary of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., said that on Aug. 6, 1946, he wrote to Mackintosh's suggesting that they adopt the tenancy as a temporary sub-tenancy. By temporary tenancy, he meant a tenancy which could be determined by one month's notice. During the Occupation, the property of his Company was taken over by the Japanese Government. On the Liberation, he found persons like Mr. Mercado had moved in but how he did not know. He also was not aware that Mr. Mercado had been ordered by the Japanese to move out of the South Arcade, Gloucester Building, which premises he, Mr. Mercado, had been occupying before the war.

In reply to Mr. Wright, witness said that he had never intended that Mackintosh's should give some sort of tenancy, whether monthly or otherwise, but the understanding was that those persons already on the premises were to become temporary sub-tenants of Mackintosh's instead of the landlords. When he gave Mackintosh's a superior tenancy he certainly did not give them vacant possession of the opponents' premises nor of the premises then occupied by the A.B.C. Cafe next door. He left these people on the hands of Mackintosh's agreement and it was up to Mackintosh's to get them out if they wanted to do so.

On Sept. 26, 1945, he wrote to Mackintosh's that in accordance with an agreement he had reached with one of their directors, Mr. J. G. Meyer, he was arranging temporary lettings to A.B.C. and Mayo's on the understanding that they were to quit when Mackintosh's returned. There was no clear indication of the period of the temporary tenancy, as Mr. Meyer was not certain when he would return, leaving the contemplated termination to be decided later. At that time, the intention was that when Mackintosh's returned in about six months' time, the temporary tenants would move out and Mackintosh's would take over. The landlords made no stipulation with the temporary tenants, but at the time they had the desire to restore Mackintosh's back to their former premises. It was actually due to Mackintosh's desire to have somebody occupy the premises during their absence that temporary tenancies were given to the opponents.

When Mackintosh's were ready to resume in July 1946, legislation had so altered the situation that the landlords desire to be freed from any further concern over the legal aspects of getting vacant possession. Furthermore, the effect of dispossessing the opponents, appeared to be much more serious than originally. Accordingly, the landlords made arrangements with Mackintosh's to take over the tenancy, leaving the latter to get possession themselves if they so desired.

Trespassers

Replying to Mr. Strellett Mr. Field said that from the legal point of view, he looked upon opponents, at the moment of Liberation, as trespassers whom he could turn out, as they had no permission from his Company to be on the premises.

The notice to quit of July 26, was intended to terminate the relationship of landlord and tenant between opponents and the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited. Thereafter, Mackintosh's were free to make their own arrangements with the occupants, which he understood they did. The caution which his Company originally exercised towards occupants was based on a desire to see Mackintosh's re-instated.

Mr. J.G. Meyer, a Director of Mackintosh's was then called. He said that at the outbreak of the war, Mackintosh's were the tenants of 7B and 7C Alexandra Building, where they carried on business as tailors and men's wear specialists. At the time, they had a lease for five years from Messrs. A.S. Watson & Co., Ltd., but this lease terminated in 1942. During the Occupation, he was interned as a POW at Shamshuipo. Mr. Mackintosh, Managing Director of Mackintosh's, was interned at Stanley. Mr. Meyer said that he was released from Camp on Sept. 4, 1945. Two or three days later, he visited the premises of Mackintosh's. He found 7B locked up and unoccupied. Mayo's Shoppe and Salon de Mode were occupying 7C, which had been divided up. When he entered 7C, he found that many of Mackintosh's fixtures and fittings were being used. He saw Mr. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach. He spoke to Mr. Mercado, whom he had known before the war. Mr. Meyer declared that he made it quite clear that Mackintosh's wished to re-occupy the premises. Mr. Mercado's reaction was not unfriendly and neither he nor Mrs. Kovach raised any objection.

Intention To Resume

Mr. Meyer said that he subsequently had notices printed and plastered over 7B and 7C. These notices indicated that the premises were those of Mackintosh's. Other notices reading "Property of Mackintosh's were also printed and pasted on the fixtures and fittings belonging to Mackintosh's. He also wrote Mr. Field on two or three occasions and made it quite clear to the latter that it was the intention of Mackintosh's to resume business. At that time, Mackintosh's had no stock in Hong Kong, but indents had been sent Home. All members of the European staff of Mackintosh's had either been POWs or interned. Within the first month of their release, they were repatriated Home. It was hoped to re-start business in six months' time, but the stock position was not clear. The credit of Mackintosh's with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was very good. An advertisement in the form of a joke reading "Mackintosh's opening soon or sooner" was published. By this advertisement, it was hoped to keep the name of Mackintosh's before the public and to show that Mackintosh's intended to resume business.

The portion of the premises known as 7C had previously been used as the tailoring department, packing room and window dressing section. Mr. Field recommended Mr. Mercado, Mrs. Kovach and Mr. Chan Wai-chuen as suitable persons and people who could look after fixtures and fittings of Mackintosh's. Mr. Meyer said that he was rather happy to have somebody on the premises to look after the fixtures and fittings of Mackintosh's during the absence of the staff. He clearly understood from Mr. Field that these "approved people" would be temporary tenants. Everything regarding the fixtures and fittings was discussed with Mr. Mercado, who was supplied with an inventory, which he signed. Mr. Mercado seemed grateful for being given the opportunity to continue using the fixtures and fittings. If they had been taken away, he would have been wrecked.

Quite Clear

Without using legal phraseology in reference to opponents' occupation, Mr. Meyer said he had made it quite clear to Mr. Mercado that Mackintosh's would be going back into the premises as soon as they could. He was absolutely certain that opponents understood the position. On one occasion, Mrs. Kovach, approached him and indicated that Mr. Mackintosh had promised her a small portion of 7C. She was in an excitable state at the time and he, Mr. Meyer, was also in an excitable state and told her, somewhat rudely, that it was obsolutely impossible. He knew that plans had already been made by Mackintosh's to continue and expand their business. This would necessitate the use of the whole premises. Mr. Meyer said that he left Hong Kong in Oct. 1945 and returned by air on July 25, 1946. He was the first member of the staff to return. He knew that a notice to quit was given to opponents on July 26, 1946. He was approached on the matter by Mr. Mercado, who pleaded hardship and asked advise as to how to obtain premises elsewhere. Mr. Meyer said that he suggested to Mr. Mercado that the latter should see the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., with a view to obtaining back the premises formerly occupied by him in Gloucester Building. During the period of the notice to quit, he saw no signs of opponents leaving.

Mackintosh's had no new understanding with opponents since 1945. In Aug. 1946, Mackintosh's optimistically expected opponents to vacate and did not appreciate the legal obstacles in the way. Mr. Meyer said that there was no understanding with the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., that Mackintosh's would sub-let.

Flabbergasted

The latter knew that Mackintosh's wanted to get opponents out of the premises. Mr. Meyer declared that he was flabbergasted when he received a letter from Mr. Mercado asking for a lease. He was amazed that Mr. Mercado should have the damn cheek to ask for a lease and could hardly believe his own eyes.

Mr. Mercado had made requests for further time and concessions in the period following the notice to quit. When Aug. 31, came, opponents did not move out. Mackintosh's went into possession of 7B on Sept. 15. Mr. Meyer said he did not take any further steps because he was so scared of the law. He preferred to allow his lawyers to deal with the matter. Mackintosh's paid rent for whole of the premises to the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., as from Sept. 1, and collected rent from opponents every month. Mackintosh's never intended to have opponents on their doorstep one minute more than they could help.

Hearing was then adjourned until Thursday, Apr. 29, at 10 a.m.

EXTRADITION CASE

Savings Bank Accounts Questions

Detailed questions on certain accounts of the Chinese Government-controlled Postal Remittance and Savings Bank and the procedure of procuring foreign exchange during the second half of 1946 in China by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., featured the hearing of extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-chweng, alias Chu Kai-chong, former director-general of the Postal Bank, at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Hsu is accused of having defrauded the Chinese Government of CN$2,850,000,000. He is represented by the Hon. Mr. d'Almada, instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Conducting the case for the Crown is Mr. F. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, with Mr. Peter H. Sin, representing the Chinese Government, and Chief Insp. W.W. Williamson for the Police.

Mr. F.X. d'Almada is sitting as Magistrate.

Continuing his cross-examination, defence counsel produced certain exhibits and clarified the contents with Ho Kn-yu, sub-manager of the Postal Bank.

Ho related the procedure in making an application for foreign exchange during the second half of 1946. The Postal Bank was one of the Government-appointed banks permitted to transact in this line.

Referring to a draft applied for by Powell & Sons, witness said that the company wanted that draft to purchase drugs and medical appliances.

The completed form would be sent to the Central Bank through the Postal Bank. The application had to be accompanied by many other documents and if the bona fides were accepted, the application would be approved.

Ho further explained that when Powell & Sons had obtained a contract from a seller, it applied to the Postal Bank asking it to apply on its (Powell & Sons, Ltd.), behalf to the Central Bank for foreign exchange.

After approval was obtained, the company carried out the transaction.

An application for a loan of US$1,000,000 by Powell & Sons, was approved by the Postal Bank through the fugitive, but according to the accounts the money paid exceeded US$1,000,000.

There was a letter from the company, witness continued, to the Bank asking for another US$1,000,000 loan. In reply, the Bank had written to the company approving the request and the letter was signed by Cheung Knu.

The increase of US$1,000,000 was not sanctioned by the director-general. Witness could not say whether Cheung Chau did that unlawfully because he might have been instructed verbally by the fugitive.

Hearing at this stage was then adjourned to April 26 to 2.30 p.m.

Vice-President Of U.S.L.

Mr. Giles C. Stedman, Vice-President of United States Lines, is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong by air to-day from Manila.

Mr. Stedman is completing an extensive tour of United States Lines Far East Division offices, and recently accompanied Mr. Stephen Bechtel, a member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Far East Line, through Japan, China and the Philippines.

The United States Lines are general agents in the Orient for the Pacific Far East Line, who operate approximately 40 refrigerator and dry cargo vessels in the Trans-Pacific service.

Mr. Stedman is expected to leave for Shanghai on April 28.

Personalia

Mrs. D. B. Copland, wife of the recent outgoing Australian Minister to China, Professor Copland, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Shanghai. She was accompanied by her daughter, Rosemarie, and governess, Miss Thirwell.

Mrs. Copland was met at the airfield by Mr. R. Hazzard, Australian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Hazzard, and staff members of the Australian Legation in China who arrived in the Colony earlier in the month en route back to Sydney.

Mrs. Copland will be a guest of the Governor at Government House today and in the afternoon will be entertained by Mrs. R. Hazzard at tea. Tonight she will be the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fung.

Mrs. Copland is leaving for Australia on Monday by the s.s. "Soochow."

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Passengers who have left for Singapore by BOAC flying-boat are Brigadier F.H.C. Rogers, J/Comm. E.L. Morgan, Messrs E.W. Pudney, W.W. Tweedie, Ee Soon-howe, Tan Heng-pei, Ko Tian-beng, P.H. Clarke, J.W. Jones, F. Walterscheid, Wong Siew-choong, Ng Yung-ming, Capt. E. Hale, Mrs. Ee Soon-howe, Mrs. M.F. Tweedie, and Miss Ee Linn-hong.

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The forthcoming wedding is announced of Maurice Ferguson, seaman, residing in San Francisco, to Miss Chang Ying, Hong Kong.

Donations

The following donations to the Nethersole Hospital Nurses Home Fund are gratefully acknowledged. Donations received by individual collectors but not yet forwarded to Hon. Treasurers are not included in the list.

Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd.	$2,500.00
A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd.	1,000.00
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Mr. A. H. Potts	25.00

In addition the following donations collected by the past and present nurses of the Nethersole Hospital have been received through their group captains as listed below.

Names of individual subscribers will be acknowledged in the Chinese Press.

Per:—Miss Leung Sheung Chi	$8,502.00
Per:—Miss Wong Yuk Wah	5,247.00
Per:—Miss Wong Suet Hing	4,827.00
Per:—Mrs. T. C. Wong	4,000.00
Per:—Miss Wong Wai Man	3,291.00
Per:—Miss Kong Ching Poh	2,850.00
Per:—Miss Leung Mei Ling	2,400.00
Per:—Miss Ma Lai Ching	1,764.00
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Per:—Miss Lei Shuk Kan	1,486.00
Per:—Miss, Kwok Fui Ling	1,140.00
Per:—Miss Liu Wai Kueh	1,125.00
Per:—Miss Chan Wing Hang	1,000.00
Per:—Miss Chung Yuen Yue	400.00
Per:—Miss Lau Mei Yuk	200.00
Per:—Mrs. Thebe Kwok	150.00

The following donations to St. John's Cathedral Organ Fund have been received by the Hon. Treasurers:—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Margrett in memory of Mrs. Eldon Potter $25; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson in memory of Mrs Eldon Potter $200.

Reminders

Today

Hong Kong Light Orchestra concert, European YMCA.

Taipo Rural Orphanage "At Home," 2.30 p.m.

Vocal Concert by Miss Judy Chen & Karl Chen, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

"Chindits" Reunion Dinner, Volunteer Hqrs., Garden Rd., 8 p.m.

U.S.R. Club Flannel Dance, 9 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Recorded Classical Concert, Too H. Club, Talbot House, 50 MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Anzac Day: Commemoration Service and wreath laying at Cenotaph, 10 a.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group Recorded Music, 1st flr., Lounge, 8.30 p.m.

Tomorrow the European YMCA Armchair Group programme will be an evening of social recorded music with a music quiz conducted by Mr. G. Kinloch in the first floor Lounge at 8.30 p.m.

Good Offices Group For Kashmir

Lake Success, Apr. 22.

The Security Council has agreed to the appointment of a five-man "good offices" commission to go to Kashmir to supervise a plebiscite on the State's future. The plan was adopted last night despite the objections of both India and Pakistan.

Dr. Alfonzo Lopez, the President of the Security Council, appealed to the two Dominions to "extend their wholehearted cooperation to the commission."

He hoped they would, on due consideration, find the terms of the resolution "an adequate and satisfactory method of restoring peace" in Kashmir and of "holding a free and impartial plebiscite on the question of accession."

After the debate, Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, the chief Indian delegate, said: "I would prefer not to comment on the Security Council's action, as this is a matter for my Government to deal with."

Sir Zafrullah said: "I can see no chance of a free and impartial plebiscite being held with the armed forces of India within the State and the same forces of India within the State and the same forces being used for control of the plebiscite."

Council Members regard with considerable optimism a friendly settlement of the dispute, however, despite the opposition expressed by both parties to the Council's resolution.

While it is recognised that both parties have strong objections to certain parts of the Council's proposed terms of settlement, it is believed on good authority that neither India nor Pakistan will categorically refuse to co-operate with the Council's commission.

Final Decisions

Although the final decision on this point rests with the Governments at Delhi and Karachi, there are strong indications that the commission may soon be at work on the spot. It is emphasised in Council circles that the terms of the proposed settlement were never intended to be final or mandatory and that when the commission reaches the field it will be able to discuss matters of detail with considerable elasticity.

A time limit of 10 days has been established for the creation of the commission.—Reuter.

The European YMCA Debating & Discussion Group will hold its close-of-the-season dinner on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Bookings now available at the YMCA Secretary.

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"A FINE TRADITION"

Governor's Tribute To Ambulance Brigade

Unqualified tribute to St. John Ambulance Brigade for their selfless service to the community was paid by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the Brigade's first post-war annual review held at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

Twenty divisions and six nursing detachments, comprising about 800 personnel, presented a smart first-aid demonstration before the Governor.

His Excellency, accompanied by Lady Grantham and his A.D.C., Captain Wilson, arriving at the parade ground at 5.30 p.m. where he was received by Brigade Commissioner Mr. A. el Arculli and other officials, was greeted with the Royal Salute.

Addressing the Brigade after the inspection Sir Alexander after congratulating Mr. Arculli on his appointment as Commissioner, said:

"Today's parade is the first formal review that has been held since the war. These annual reviews are in a sense the showpiece of what the Brigade can do, and I consider that they serve a useful purpose. I am sure that all who have been present here today have been much impressed, as I have been, by the generally smart appearance and turn-out. This reflects great credit on all, but in particular on the officer in charge of the parade. The manner too in which those members who took part in the various demonstrations performed their evolutions is worthy of commendation.

Always On Duty

"But the Brigade does not only concern itself with this one annual review. It is always on duty, every day and night, in peace and in war.

"No doubt those members of the public who attend race meetings and football matches have observed the speed with which members of the Brigade have rushed forward whenever there was a casualty, and the efficient manner in which the casualty was treated.

"It always gives me a feeling of confidence to know that members of the Brigade are in attendance and ready to render aid should it be necessary.

"Another service of which the average person in Hong Kong realises little is the Ambulance Service. Here again it means that those members of the Brigade who are engaged on it are giving up their time for the welfare of the community. Should there be a major calamity such as the bomb outrage at the Ko Shing Theatre, the house collapse in Jubilee Street, the fire in Hollywood Road, the burning of a vessel like the s.s. 'Kwong Tung', one will always find members of the Brigade on the spot.

"The work that is done is really most commendable. Also of importance is the training that has been given by members of the Brigade to the Hong Kong Police and the Fire Brigade in first aid work. It is essential that the Police and Firemen should be trained in first aid and who can do this better than you?

"I should also like to thank the honorary surgeons for the time they give to the Brigade in training. Doctors, which term of course includes surgeons, are probably the most hard-worked members of the community, yet they are willing to give up what little leisure they have to help the Brigade. We are certainly grateful to them.

Blood Donors

"It has recently been brought to my notice that two members of the Brigade have voluntarily donated blood to the sick and that three more have volunteered. This lead has come from the officers. I trust that it is a lead that will be followed. The need is urgent.

"The St. John Ambulance Brigade in Hong Kong is in my opinion the foremost of any of the Brigades in this part of the world. Here is an opportunity for it to continue that lead, for I should very much like to see the Hong Kong Brigade at the best in the Far East. You will be helping your fellow citizens in a manner that is necessary. I am sure that my appeal will not fall on deaf ears.

"I am impressed by what I have seen today. I am impressed by the work that you do at all times under all conditions. You have built up a fine tradition. I know that you will uphold that tradition. I cannot conclude without expressing my appreciation to Mr. Aw Boon Haw who has been such a generous benefactor to the Brigade, both generally and for particular projects such as an ambulance and the maternity home at Shatin."

Medals Presented

The Governor presented Long Service Medals to five recipients. They were Div. Supt. Kwan Sit-kwan, Div. Supt. Ho Kang-po, Div. Supt. Au-yeung Kin-chee, Ambulance Officer Kwong Hing-wing and Ambulance Officer Chan Wai-man. Another recipient, Div. Surgeon Dr. Yip Tai-ching was not present.

To Mr. Tsang Chan-shan was presented the Royal Humane Society testimonial for saving the life of a woman in the harbour, and displaying great bravery in the face of imminent danger to himself.

There were many recipients of testimonials of appreciation for war services which were presented by His Excellency after the inspection.

Among the large number of guests present were the GOC, Major General Erskine, Admiral Cargill, Acting AOC Jefferson, Acting Commissioner of Police W. La B. Sparrow, the Chief Justice Mr. E.H. Williams, the Puisne Judge Mr. T.J. Gould, Dr. J.P. Fehily, Sir Shouson Chow, and Messrs. T.N. Chau, Aw Boon-haw, Li Yik-mui, Ngan Shing-kwan, Hon Man-wai, Tang Shiu-kin, D.F. Landale, R.D. Gillespie, N.O.C. Marsh.

St. George's Day Ceremony

Members of the St. George's Society in Hong Kong attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph at 9 o'clock yesterday morning in honour of St. George's Day.

The wreath was laid by the President, Mr. C.C. Roberts, assisted by the Vice President, Lt. Col. E.J.R. Mitchell, O.B.E. followed by the sounding of the "Last Post" by a bugler from H.M.S. "London".

"Reveille" was sounded from the Cricket Club Pavilion by another bugler from H.M.S. "London". In attendance at the ceremony were two past presidents of the Society, Lt.-Col. H.M.L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E. and Mr. P.E. Cassidy and members of the Committee, Mr. R.C. Clemo, Prof. K. H. Digby O.B.E., Mr. V.C. Labrum, Mr. J.G. Meyer, Mr. A. Somerfelt, Mr. E.P. Streatfield, the Rev. F.W. Weaver, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E. and Mr. L. R. Wharf.

Members of the Society present were Mr. J.H.R. Hance, Mr. A. Piercy, Mr. G. Copley Moyle, Mrs. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Skinner.

Warning To Dog Owners

Owners of dogs are notified that dogs found by Police abroad in the public thoroughfare unmuzzled, will, unless the owner is immediately available, be sent to the Government Kennels at Kennedy Town and Ma Tau Kok.

Unless a dog has to be detained for observation, as far as possible owners will be traced by the Police and informed that this step has been taken, so that they may collect their dogs promptly from the Kennels. Failing such recovery within five days the dogs will be destroyed. Owners who have reason to believe that their dog has strayed should, therefore, contact the Kennels as soon as possible.

Severely injured or diseased dogs may be destroyed forthwith.

RUNAWAY CAR CRASHES 60 FT.

Whilst the driver of a Lanchester car, No. 1666, went into a house yesterday morning, his car ran backwards down a hill and finally came to a halt 60 feet down the side of a cliff.

The car, belonging to Mr. Lau Chun, was parked outside his house, 6 Tai Hang Road, at about 8 a.m. The brakes appear to have slipped and the car gathering momentum ran backwards for about 50 feet and then left the road.

It was a total wreck.

READERS' LETTERS

Teachers' Salaries

Sir,—Government has indeed been very discriminating in its attitude and treatment of us Grant-in Aid School teachers, regarding us as tainted sheep in the flock and treating us as such. However, at one time it did seem that Government had had its conscience quickened by recent war experiences, for upon resumption of Civil Administration in the Colony our salaries were raised to the level of the Government teachers, and we were led to believe that the pre-war discrimination against us had been eradicated. Then came that bombshell from Government, in the form of that statement given to the local press by its spokesman.

We have no doubt that Government did for a while intend to give us a break—to wit the formulation of Grant Code Para. 13 and the publication of G/S Circular No. 43—having appreciated the fact that we possess exactly the same qualifications and training (whether in the H.K.U., U.T.C., G.E.I., T.I., etc.), and that we are doing our work just as conscientiously and efficiently, as teachers in the Government service. But what has dismayed us is this sudden, inexplicable and unwarrantable reluctance on the part of Government to make a clear statement re our revised salaries and the benefits of the Salaries Commission's recommendations which teachers in the Government Schools will be receiving and enjoying.

We have always been very patient, as befits our education and calling, and content to accept whatever Government has been gracious enough to bestow on us, even the leftovers of Red Cross old clothing. But is it cricket that undue advantage should be taken of our patience and helplessness? Even coolies and stokers have had their grievances hearkened to sympathetically by a Labour Officer, and satisfactorily adjusted by their not unreasonable employers. As for us hapless and longsuffering G/S teachers, we have no Labour Officer's shoulders to weep on, and our Boss, despite our persistent pleadings, has not even deigned to make himself aware of them. The meek shall inherit the earth? Verily,—all in weedy rows, in paupers' graveyards!

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So Verbose!

Sir,—If Bored Stiff finds your "Readers' Letters" page boring, the remedy is in his hands.

Presumably this correspondent is not pro-Simple Simon, and "can't take it." Please carry on for the sake of the general public and don't discontinue for the mere sake of a private individual.

My admiration for your paper is because it has plenty of "guts", and because it never fails to espouse any cause worth while espousing. Also because it will kick and criticize anything which it may find not to be as it should.

AMUSING.

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Responsibility

Sir,—It grieves me, particularly at this time when we are fighting tooth and nail for conditions that will enable us to keep the home fires burning, to have to criticise my own comrades-in-arms "One of the 540" and "Pentagrid" who, I consider, have allowed their justifiable grievance to impair their judgment and led them to lay the crime of ommission on the heads of the Executives of the Hong Kong Teachers Association. Let it be made perfectly clear in our own minds that the responsibility for the presence of the wolf at our doors now, and for its eventual riddance rests wholly and solely with Government, and with no one else.

"One of the 540", quoted Clause 3 of the Constitution of the H.K.T.A. which reads: "The activities of the Association shall be strictly confined to professional, educational and its own *social* affairs, and any political activities or utterance shall be excluded." He then followed up by asking whether looking after the *welfare* of its members was classed among *social* activities or among *political* activities. Now to put this question as he did to the President of the Teachers Association is just like posing him the classic query: "Have you stopped beating your wife?"—because the question presupposes facts and conditions that may or may not exist. In the present case, "One of the 540" obviously assumes that the *welfare* of members includes their solvency, and that the term "social affairs" signifies the quantity and quality of our *yau chim* or flour. But I can find nothing, as Mr. M.K. Lo might say, in the Constitution of the Teachers Association to justify "One of the 540's" first assumption, and nothing in any dictionary definition of the word "social" to support his second. This fact having thus been established, his question can now be easily answered; namely, the discussion of salaries of Grant-in-Aid School members of the Association is clearly a taboo-ed political activity, since it involves challenging Government's policy of not treating illegitimates the same as legitimate offspring.

In his sentence "The fact that it (the H.K.T.A.) was specifically formed for the *interest* of its members is fresh in our minds," it is obvious that Pentagrid's conception of *interest* is identical with "One of the 540's" of *welfare*; so suffice it to say that Pentagrid's accusation against that worthy corporation, the Teachers Association, is just as groundless as that of "One of the 540."

Incidentally, I think both "One of the 540" and "Pentagrid" are somewhat injudicious in ridiculing the officers of the Teachers Association and those gentlemen who have given us most instructive and interesting lectures or addresses or whatever it might have pleased them to call the products of the many hours of labour that they must have put into them. In belittling their efforts and work, we are really judging ourselves. Man does not live on bread alone; more so the teacher. We look to Government for the wherewithal to subsist decently, but the Teachers Association exists to keep us from hibernating or merely vegetating. And if Government had done for us its part of looking after our *welfare* or *interest* as efficiently as the Teachers Association has done its part, then we would not now be haunted by the ugly spectre of want and bankruptcy.

AH NAI CHAI.

EUROPEAN'S SUICIDE

"Balance Of Mind Disturbed"

A verdict of "suicide while the balance of the mind was disturbed" was returned by Coroner W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of the inquiry into the death of William Edward Bentick whose body was found hanging from the fire-escape at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 a.m. on March 31.

It was disclosed by Mr. T. E. Kelly, a resident of the European Y.M.C.A., that the deceased had been in financial difficulties for some time, and, just before the Easter holidays, had endeavoured to obtain a credit of £500 from a certain bank.

Deceased, said witness, had told him in general conversations that he was a divorcee, and that his ex-wife and child was staying in Australia. He also had a brother in Norra, New South Wales.

Witness further gathered from those conversations that Bentick had some trouble in Australia and that he would not return to Australia under any circumstances.

In reply to Det. Sub-Inspector C.J. Askew, witness said that he was greatly surprised at hearing of Bentick's death, and could only attribute it to bad news about the credit.

Manager's Evidence

Mr. A. Ostroumoff, assistant manager of the Peninsula Hotel, testified that deceased resided at the hotel since last August. He was known to be a very heavy drinker but not known to be in financial difficulties until about a month before his death when he failed to settle his bill.

No action was taken by the management in regard to the outstanding account, said witness, until about five days before Bentick's death. On the day deceased signed a cheque for $100 and cashed it at the hotel. This cheque was returned by the bank, and witness spoke to deceased about it. Bentick said that he would honour it on the following day but failed to do so.

Continuing, witness said that he was then instructed by the manager to inform Bentick that his outstanding account, amounting to about $3,000, had to be settled or else he would have to leave the hotel. Deceased was also told that his credit in the hotel had been stopped. A "routine" letter to that effect was also sent to deceased on March 30.

The last time he saw deceased alive was at 10.30 p.m. on March 30 in the bar when Bentick appeared to be sober. His "bar" credit was stopped on March 27.

Dr. A. Scriven, a resident of the hotel, said that he was consulted by deceased about a fortnight before his death. He was in a very depressed condition and complained of painful ulcers in the mouth. Witness diagnosed the complaint as chronic alcoholism and vitamin deficiency. Deceased admitted he had eaten very little during the previous month and had been drinking to excess. He was suffering from severe depression.

"Chronic Alcoholism"

He met deceased several times prior to March 31 and, on the last occasion (about three days before his death) found him still extremely depressed. "This extreme depression," explained witness, "is one of the symptoms of chronic alcoholism, and suicide in that condition is not uncommon."

Dr. D.W.C. Gawne, resident physician of the Peninsula Hotel, said that he was called to the scene at 6.15 a.m., and found the body hanging from the hand rail of the fire escape. In his opinion, death took place about three to fours before he saw the body.

Hui Wah, lift-boy, testified to having taken Bentick up in the lift at 12.45 a.m. on March 31. Deceased had apparently been drinking but was not drunk, said witness.

Chung Kam-tong, coolie, said he discovered the body when he commenced work at 6 a.m., and to having notified the general office.

Wireless Set In Suitcase

When Det. Sug-Inspector W. G. Morrison went to raid 5 Tak Hing Street, first floor, he found Ho Yiu-tong (40) about to leave in a rickshaw with a suitcase which contained a wireless receiving set, earphones, and accessories.

In the rear cubicle of the premises, occupied by Ho, the Police found other parts of a wireless set. The rear cubicle was wired and powered for immediate operation of the wireless station. Codebooks and messages were found.

There was also a telephone installed in the corridor which Lam Kwong (37) claimed as his.

Charged before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with operating an illegal wireless station, Lam was fined $3,000. The same penalty was imposed on Ho, occupier of the premises.

Johnny Gurkha-Tough Hillman From Nepal

A talk on the life and national characteristics of the hard fighting Gurkhas—heroes of two world wars—was given by Brigadier H. A. Skone at Kowloon Rotary Club yesterday.

Small in stature but of extraordinarily tough physique, the Gurkha is capable of endless labour and will carry on until he falls down, said the speaker.

He is honest and simple, and thieving is practically unheard of in Nepal. He is, however, an improvident fellow and spends his pay as soon as he receives it.

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Following Brigadier Skone's talk, lantern slides were shown depicting the home and home life of the Gurkha, and geographical features of Nepal.

The speaker was thanked by President F.C. Clemo who extended him a warm welcome to Hong Kong and hoped he would find his term of office here enjoyable.

A letter from the Kowloon Residents Association was read, asking Kowloon Rotary to nominate a representative on the K.R.A. Committee. President F.C. Clemo was unanimously voted for the post.

Two visiting Rotarians from across the harbour were welcomed by the president. They were A.W. Ingram and A.V. Skorzov.

Guests present were Major E.A. Opie, Lt-Col. J.S. Bolton, Major C.W.L. Way, and Messrs. M.L. Hardie, F. Wakefield, H. Baker, A.L. Fisher and H.L. Decker.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Kowloon G.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Rez.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Rez.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Rez.) 11.30 a.m., (Ord.) Noon.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Rez.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Rez.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Batavia, Noon.

Swatow, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 2 p.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 2 p.m.

Haiphong, Ceylon and Marseilles, 2 p.m.

Straits and Rangoon, 3 p.m.

Manila and Aden, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail), 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Kowloon G.P.O.) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 9.30 a.m., Noon.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Rez.) 5 p.m. 24/4, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 25/4

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping; Airmail for Tainan, (Rez.) 5 p.m. 24/4, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 25/4.

Airmail for Kunming and Calcutta; Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Rez.) 5 p.m. 24/4, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 25/4.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 10 a.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 10 a.m.

Kongmoon, 10 a.m.

Sandakan, 10 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m.

Amoy, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Manila, 10 a.m.

Saigon, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Kowloon G.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Rez.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Rez.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Rez.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

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Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Directors to close the Register of Members of the Company for a period of two weeks from 1st to 14 th May, 1948, both days inclusive.

The Directors will offer to members shown on such Register on the 30th day of April, 1948, 16,150 shares of the Company of the nominal value of $3.00 each at par on the footing that the full nominal value of each share taken up shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than 30th June, 1948, and so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one new share for every four issued shares held by such member on the 30th April, 1948.

The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July, 1948.

If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share, the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional certificates would cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

The Directors will dispose of of any shares offered to members in the event of non-acceptance by payment therefor by members or their approved nominees on or before the 30th day of June, 1948, at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not in the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 30th day of April, 1948.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by Post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 30th day of June, 1948, will be deemed to be declined.

By Order of the Board of Directors

F. E. d'ALMADA REMEDIOS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

DOGS

Owners of dogs are hereby notified that dogs found by Police abroad in the public thoroughfare unmuzzled, will, unless the owner is immediately available, be sent to the Government Kennels at Kennedy Town and Ma Tau Kok.

2. Unless a dog has to be detained for observation, when special notification is made to the owner by the Government Veterinary Surgeon, as far as possible owners will be traced by the Police and informed that this step has been taken, so that they may collect their dogs promptly from the Kennels. Failing such recovery within five days the dogs will be destroyed.

3. Severely injured or diseased dogs may be destroyed forthwith.

4. Owners are strongly advised to ensure that their dogs wear the licence number badge and any other marks of identification continuously, as proof of licensing, and to facilitate tracing.

5. When traced, owners will be liable to prosecution under Regulations 1 and 21 made under the Dogs Ordinance of 1927.

6. All dogs, except those in the non-mainland areas of the New Territories, or any sporting dog when actually working under the charge of a holder of a Game Licence, must be either muzzled or on a lead when abroad in public thoroughfares.

Acting COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. Terry,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 303, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 27th April, 1948, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 16th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

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R. G. CRAIG,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 14th May, 1948, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1947.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 30th April to the 14th May, 1948, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1948.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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THREE ACCUSED OF ROBBERY UNDER ARMS

Committal proceedings were heard by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday against two men and a woman, brought into Court by Det.-Inspector MacPherson on charges of possession of arms and ammunition, armed highway robbery and receiving stolen property.

Leung Kai and Cheung Wai were charged with possessing a revolver with six rounds of ammunition and armed highway robbery. Ng Kam-kui described as the wife of first defendant, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Det.-Insp. MacPherson said the police acting on information raided No. 10, Spring Garden Lane, ground floor, at 2.50 p.m. on March 26 and found the men sitting at a table. A search revealed that Leung had a revolver and Cheung had a piece of wire and pieces of sugarcane. Leung told the police that a man by the name of Ho Lun had given him the gun recently.

They then took the police to an unnumbered hut in Queen's Road East, to locate Ho, who could not be traced.

On March 23, Li Wing, of Burrow Street, third floor, was robbed of CN$500,0000, HK$12, a wrist-watch, a foutain pen and a finger ring, at Luen Fat Street.

First defendant admitted that he knew about the affair but said he only took CN$500,000 and HK$12. The rest he said were taken by Cheung. The second defendant also made a statement.

The police went to the roof of a house in Sai Yee Street, to locate the third defendant. She was not found. Later police saw her in an unnumbered hut opposite the house and she discarded something on the approach of the police.

A search led to the discovery of the ring on her bed.

She then admitted that a man named Ho had given it to her together with two pawn tickets for safe keeping. The tickets were connected with the articles stolen during in robbery.

Second defendant was identified by the complainant at a parade without hesitation. He also identified his ring.

Tenants Told To Quit

Eleven occupiers of Crown land at Castle Peak Road, Cheungshawan, were cautioned by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, and told to notify the nine absentees to quit within two weeks.

Defendants, including three women, were summoned at the instance of Mr. S.H. Fowler, Land Bailiff, for refusing to quit when their leases expired. The land, it is understood, is required by the purchasers to erect a cotton-mill.

Those in Court said they removed on Sunday last.

Manila, Apr. 22.

President Quirino has begun a cleanup of the Government in earnest, one of his first official acts being to dismiss a Justice of the Peace for "grave abuse of authority."—Reuter.

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Girl Thief Bound Over

A 17-year-old girl who stole $970 and three gold rings belonging to her mother at 149 Connaught Road West went to Canton and had a good time for seven days.

Her mother reported the matter to the police who advised her to send someone to fetch the girl back to the Colony. As a result, O Ping appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Hin Shing-lo on a charge of larceny. All but $30 of the money had been spent while she was in Canton.

Her mother asked the court to take a lenient view and the girl was bound over in $200 for twelve months to be of good behaviour.

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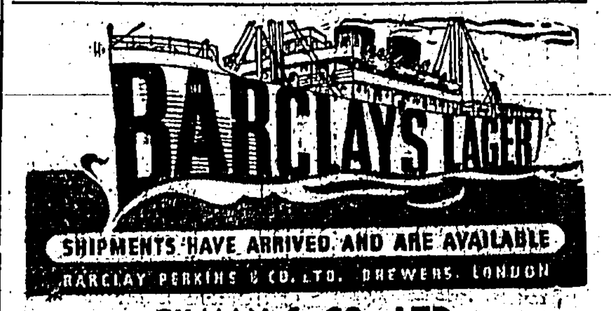

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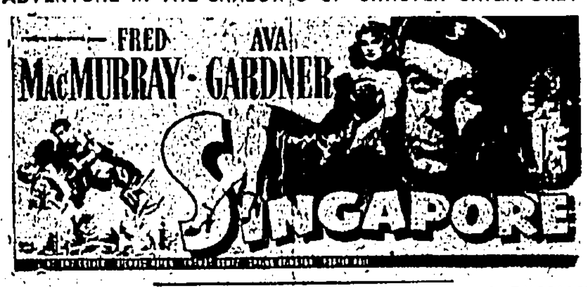

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Unilateral Defiance Of Pact

Berlin, Apr. 22.

Major-General E. O. Herbert, the British Commandant of Berlin, today termed the Soviet holdup of parcels to the Western Zones "a unilateral defiance of a quadripartite agreement."

The British authorities had unsuccessfully approached the Russian authorities on six different occasions since April 7 to secure the release of this mail, he added.

About 2,500 tons of parcels have accumulated in the city since the parcel post from Berlin to the West was stopped by the Russians on April 1.

The Soviet authorities dare not make a straightforward statement as to their reasons. They are willing to impose hardships on the population for their own ends, General Herbert stated.

The parcels dispute is not on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting of the Kommandatura, the four-power body which governs Berlin, but it was thought here tonight that the British Commandant might raise the question.—Reuter.

Royal Tour To Last Five Months

London, Apr. 22.

King George, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret will be away from England for their New Zealand and Australian visit next year for about five months —from January 27 to near the end of June—an announcement from Buckingham Palace said tonight.

The Royal party will sail in the battleship Vanguard from the Devonport naval station, on southwest England, on the afternoon of January 27, and will reach New Zealand on February 28.

They will be there until March 31. They will reach Australia on April 4 and remain until about June 13.—Reuter.

French Expected To Lodge Protest

Berlin, Apr. 22.

The Soviet authorities here today announced that they would prohibit Allied coaches from being attached to the daily Nord Express running between Berlin and Paris.

The cancellation chiefly affects French passengers. The French authorities have protested against the Soviet action, and the British were tonight also planning a protest.

Major-General Petrov, chief of the Soviet railway operating department in Berlin, has ordered the ban to be effective from tomorrow.

The coaches join the main Nord Express train at Osnabrueck in the British Zone, providing connection for passengers travelling to Brussels, Paris and London.

The Russian announcement said the Nord express connection would not be restored until new arrangements had been made by the American, French and British with the Soviet authorities, or through the Allied Control Council.

Unlike the military passenger trains stopped by the Russians on April 1, passengers in the Nord coaches have been showing their documents and baggage at Russian demand.

French Action

The French are understood to be planning to replace the coaches by running their own buses between Berlin and Brunswick.

The Soviet decision on the Nord express coaches would cut the last Allied passenger train link between Berlin and the West. British transport officials said the Nord express connection out of Berlin has been in operation since 1945. It was subject to the normal civilian passenger train arrangement and carried accredited passengers of Allied nationality.

A British official said tonight: "It is an international train crossing Soviet occupied territory with Soviet authorisation and if the Soviet authorities ban it there is nothing we can do. Apart from a power to annoy, I can see no reason for the action."—Reuter.

Just Another Mistake

Vienna, Apr. 22.

The Russian authorities told the British administration in Vienna tonight that a Russian sentry "made a mistake" this morning by turning back a British jeep at a check point about five miles outside Vienna.

No further traffic between Vienna and the British Zone was held up today.—Reuter.

Sudden Drop In Ruhr Coal

Essen, Apr. 22.

The British and American Military Governments today ordered the German Ruhr Coal Board to begin an immediate and intensive investigation into the drop in Ruhr coal output over the past few weeks.

The German Board, which is responsible for the administration of all mines in the Ruhr, was ordered to investigate each pit individually and to report back to the British and American Military Governments with suggestions.

The coal output on Tuesday, the latest day for which figures are available, totalled 267,042 tons, roughly the average for the past few weeks, compared with the record 300,000 tons output achieved two months ago.

The main excuses put forward by the German Coal Board at the meeting today were that the technical working of the miners' incentive scheme was not conducive to great output at the moment and that miners were taking time off to plant their gardens.—Reuter.

Rauter Doesn't Understand

The Hague, Apr. 22.

Hans Albin Rauter, 52-year old former general and German SS Chief in Holland, shouted during his trial here today that he could not be sentenced by any court "because as a German I fought for my Fatherland."

The prosecutor replied: "You are not being tried for what you did as a German for your Fatherland, but your crimes against the Dutch people."

Rauter faces eight war crimes charges, among them the deportation of 110,000 Dutch Jews, of whom only 5,000 returned alive.

Sentence will be announced on May 4.—Reuter.

Americans Accused Of Kidnapping

Vienna, Apr. 22.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, issued a communique here tonight accusing the Americans of abducting Austrian civilians. The communique quoted an Austrian police report that American military personnel had forced Austrian officials to stop a train in the Soviet Zone outside Vienna.

The communique said that the Americans had attacked a passenger, who was arrested and taken off to an unknown destination.

The Tass statement also quoted an Austrian security service report saying that a gang of American personnel had attacked an Austrian civilian near the American airbase and had abducted him.

"Soviet circles regard the methods of the American military police as a flagrant violation of the inter-allied agreement governing the arrest of Austrians," the statement said.

Colonel Bernard Hurless, the American Provost Marshal, told Reuters tonight that "the charges are ridiculous. Nothing is known of the cases which the Russians mention."

Colonel Hurless announced that a Russian displaced person caught after breaking and entering the home of an American civilian in Vienna was to be returned to the American Zone to finish the uncompleted portion of a five-year sentence for a similar offence in 1945.—Reuter.

FACTORIES SEIZED

Berlin, Apr. 22.

Many factories in the Soviet sector of Berlin were confiscated today by the Soviet-appointed German "trustees for sequestered property." This body has been charged with the task of confiscation and "turning over to the people" industrial enterprises owned by former Nazis and war criminals.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

DOUBLE IF YOU CAN

There is one position in which a player should strain every resource to double instead of bidding, if he can find justification for doing so. That is when the opening bid has been passed by the next two players and you are in fourth-hand position. There is always the chance then that your partner may have passed quite a good holding and would like to play defensively against a doubled contract. If he doesn't he will bid in response to your double and give you a chance to make whatever bid you had considered in the first place.

	S. J 6 H. 7 6 5 2 D. 9 4 2 C. 8 7 4 3	
S. 9 2 H. K Q 10 4 D. A Q 8 3 C. J 6 2	N W E S	S. A K Q 8 5 3 H. 9 3 D. 7 6 5 C. K 9
	S. 10 7 4 H. A J 8 D. K J 10 C. A Q 10 5	

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

South	West	North	East
1. 1 NT	Pass	Pass	2 S
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
2. 1 NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl

Lots of things happened on this tournament deal, including opening bids of 1-Club and contracts of 4-Spades, East and West making every contract they bid, usually with extra tricks. Where a club was led by North against the 3-No Trumps, the declarer got a trick there, six in spades and two in diamonds.

The best East-West score, however, was at the tables where South bid the 1-No Trump without spades stopped and East was smart enough to double instead of bidding. West passed that and, reckoning that the double must have been based mainly on spades, led his 9 of the suit. That gave the defence the first six tricks, followed by a switch to a diamond for two more and a return of the heart K. South got that with the A and also scored the diamond K and club A. But then he lost the last two to the club K and heart Q to set the contract four tricks doubled. That produced a score of 700, best that any East-West pair attained by more than 200 points.

Please realise that a double by East would have been just as sound in rubber bridge as in a duplicate tournament, if not more so.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S. K 10 8 6 3 2 H. None D. A 10 C. A K J 9 3	
S. A Q H. A Q J 8 3 D. 7 4 C. 7 5 4 2	N W E S	S. J 9 5 4 H. K 6 5 4 2 D. J C. Q 8 6
	S. 7 H. 10 9 7 D. K Q 9 8 6 5 3 2 C. 10	

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable).

What difference in playing method should be caused by the opening lead against 6-Diamonds, in one case the heart A, in the other the club 2?

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1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Revue Memories."
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—"Music for Romance" Rex Leopold and His Players with Jack Cooper to sing. (B.B.C.T.S.)
6.30 p.m.—Emil Roosa and His Orchestra.
6.45 p.m.—Edna De Carte at the Piano (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—"Unit Requests" Linda Cater Calling—R. E. Steves and Workshop Unit (Studio).
8.05 p.m.—"See Tee" Soccer Commentary (Studio).
8.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
8.30 p.m.—Detection Club "Sweet Death" by Christianna Brand (London Relay).
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.16 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio).—A Talk by Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation. "The Development of Civil Aviation in Hong Kong."
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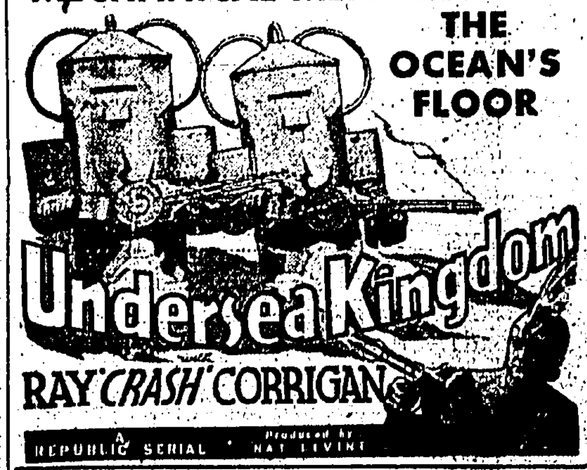

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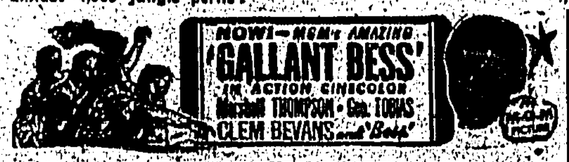

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BERLIN DANGER

Developments in Berlin grow daily more perturbing. No-one imagines for a moment that Russian intransigeance will be deliberately continued to the point of war, but what is feared is that the Soviet may not have the wisdom to know when to stop. From this angle, the situation is clearly growing steadily more dangerous. Almost every day a new pinprick, a new source of irritation to the Allies, is devised, and fairly obviously with a set purpose.

The Russians believe, with good deal of justification, that with some form of four-power cooperation, the Western position in Berlin must soon become untenable, and with that in mind they produce constant points of provocation, and turn on the heat with the object of forcing us to withdraw or stay on terms dictated by them. Either result would give them a satisfying victory in the cold war. While we are being compelled, by the desperate conditions in Bizonia, to go ahead with plans for German self-government, they can comfortably afford to wait. The quadripartite rule has not prevented them from organising their zone as they wish: it has prevented us.

There is little doubt what the decision will be. Whatever the risks, we have got to carry through currency reform and set up a German government at Frankfurt. On that point we cannot compromise. Simultaneously we can seek to ensure a four-Power control of Berlin even if this means accepting certain Russian conditions we do not like. We shall only be in a fit condition to bargain with the Russians about Berlin when we have reduced the staff there to a number suitable for virtually siege conditions.

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KASHMIR CRISIS

Over the objections of both Pakistan and India, the Security Council has adopted a resolution calling for a Commission to arrange a plebiscite in Kashmir. Apparently the assumption is that neither country, when put to the test, will resist the proposal to the extent of a blunt refusal to cooperate. It is greatly to be hoped that this optimistic view will be justified by the event.

In Karachi, there is no indication of compromise. On the contrary, there is almost solidly unanimous opposition to the Security Council proposal, which would give the Indian Army control of Kashmir during the plebiscite, so much so that Britain's anxiety to achieve a peaceful settlement is giving rise to serious charges of bias in favour of the Indian Union, which could easily have a very important bearing on the future relations of Pakistan with the rest of the British Commonwealth.

Four months ago, Mr Jinnah openly complained of British "indifference." He would certainly use a strong term were he to make a further public statement today on the issues involved, particularly as there is suspicion that Britain has surrendered to a blackmailing threat by the Indian Union to secede from the Commonwealth in June if she does not get her way.

The dilemma of British statesmen is in fact, is almost as considerable as that which faced them when the Palestine partition plan was voted by the U.N. General Assembly. Whatever the validity of the grievances expressed, there is little doubt that they represent the controlling factor in Pakistan's policy and that the Kashmir quarrel is a major crisis in Commonwealth Relations.

The Eighth Instalment

Churchill's Memoirs

VIOLATIONS OF TREATY

By the Treaty of Versailles the Germans were not entitled to build more than four battleships of 10,000 tons displacement, in addition to six 10,000-ton cruisers.

The British Admiralty had (by June, 1935), found out that the last two pocket battleships being constructed, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, were of a far larger size than the Treaty allowed, and of a quite different type. In fact they turned out to be 26,000-ton light battle cruisers, or commerce destroyers of the highest class.

In the face of this brazen and fraudulent violation of the Peace Treaty, carefully planned and begun at least two years earlier (1933), the Admiralty actually thought it was worth while making an Anglo-German naval agreement. His Majesty's Government did this without consulting their French Ally or informing the League of Nations.

The main feature of the Agreement was that the German Navy should not exceed one-third of the British. For the sake of that prospect, taking German assurances at their face value, they proceeded to concede to Germany the right to build U-boats explicitly denied to her in the Peace Treaty. Germany might build 60 per cent. of the British submarine strength, and if she decided that the circumstances were exceptional she might build to 100 per cent.

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The limitation of the German Fleet to a third of the British allowed Germany a programme of new construction which would set her yards to work at maximum activity for at least 10 years. There was therefore no practical limitation or restraint of any kind imposed upon German naval expansion. They could build as fast as was physically possible.

They were authorised to build five capital ships, two aircraft-carriers, 21 cruisers, and 64 destroyers. In fact, however, all they had ready or approaching completion by the outbreak of war was two capital ships, no aircraft-carriers, 11 cruisers and 25 destroyers, or considerably less than half what we had so complacently accorded them.

Hitler, as we now know, informed Admiral von Reader that war with England would not be likely till 1944-45. The development of the German Navy was therefore planned on a long-term basis. In U-boats alone did they build to the full paper limits allowed. As soon as they were able to pass the 60 per cent. limit, they invoked the provision allowing them to build to 100 per cent., and 57 were actually constructed when war began.

In the design of new battleships the Germans had the further advantage of not being parties to the provisions of the Washington Naval Agreement or the London Conference. They immediately laid down the Bismarck and Tirpitz, and while Britain, France and the United States were all bound by the 35,000-tons limitation, these two great vessels were being designed with a displacement of over 45,000 tons, which made them, when completed, certainly the strongest vessels afloat in the world.

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It was also at this moment a great diplomatic advantage to Hitler to divide the Allies, to have one of them ready to condone breaches of the Treaty of Versailles, and to invest the regaining of full freedom to rearm with the sanction of agreement with Britain.

The effect of the announcement was another blow to the League of Nations. The French had every right to complain that their vital interests were affected by the permission accorded by Great Britain for the building of U-boats.

Mussolini saw in this episode evidence that Great Britain was not acting in good faith with her other Allies, and that so long as her special naval interests were secured, she would apparently go to any length in accommodation with Germany, regardless of the detriment to friendly Powers menaced by the growth of the German land forces. He was encouraged by what seemed the cynical and selfish attitude of Great Britain to press on with his plans against Abyssinia.

The Scandinavian Powers, who only a fortnight before had courageously sustained the protest against Hitler's introduction of compulsory service in the German Army, now found that Great Britain had behind the scenes agreed to a German Navy which, though only a third of the British, would within this limit be master of the Baltic.

Great play was made by British Ministers with the German offer to co-operate with us in abolishing the submarine. Considering that the condition attached to it was that all other countries should agree at the same time, and that it was well known there was not the slightest chance of other countries agreeing this was a very safe offer for the Germans to make.

This also applied to the German agreement to restrict the use of submarines so as to strip submarine warfare against commerce of inhumanity. Who could suppose that the Germans, possessing a great fleet of U-boats and watching their women and children being starved by a British blockade, would abstain from the fullest use of that arm? I described this view as "the acme of gullibility."

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This Agreement was announced to Parliament by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell, on June 21, 1935. On the first opportunity, July 11, and again on the 22nd, I condemned it.

Meanwhile, in the military sphere, the formal establishment of conscription in Germany on March 16, 1935, marked the fundamental challenge to Versailles. But the steps by which the German Army was now magnified and reorganised are not of technical interest only.

The whole function of the Army in the National Socialist State required definition. The purpose of the Law of May 21, 1935, was to expand the technical elite of secretly trained specialists into the armed expression of the whole nation. The name Reichswehr was changed to that of Wehrmacht.

The Army was to be subordinated to the supreme leadership of the Fuehrer. Every soldier took the oath, not as formerly to the Constitution, but to the person of Adolf Hitler. Military service was an essential civic duty, and it was the responsibility of the Army to educate and to unify, once and for all, the population of the Reich.

The regimentation of German youth was the prime task of the new regime. Starting in the ranks of the Hitler Youth, the boyhood of Germany passed at the age of 18 on a voluntary basis into the S.A. for two years.

By a law of June 26, 1935, the Work Battalions or Arbeitsdienst became a compulsory duty on every male German reaching the age of 20. For six months he would have to serve his country, constructing roads, building barracks or draining marshes, thus fitting him physically and morally for the crowning duty of a German citizen, service with the armed forces.

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On Oct. 15, 1935, again in defiance of the clauses of Versailles, the German Staff College was reopened with formal ceremony by Hitler, accompanied by the Chiefs of the Armed Services. Here was the apex of the pyramid, whose base was now already constituted by the myriad formations of the Work Battalions.

On Nov. 7, 1935, the first class, born in 1914, was called up for service: 596,000 young men to be trained in the profession of arms. Thus at one stroke, on paper at least, the German Army was raised to over 700,000 effectives.

The two major difficulties were first the expansion of the Officers' Corps, and secondly the organisation of the specialised units, the Artillery, the Engineers and the Signals. By October, 1935, 10 Army Corps had been formed. Two more followed a year later, and a thirteenth in October, 1937. The police formations were also incorporated in the armed forces.

It was realised that after the first call-up of the 1914 class, in Germany as in France, the succeeding years would bring a diminishing number of recruits, owing to the decline in births during the period of the World War. Therefore, in August, 1936, the period of active military service in Germany was raised to two years.

The 1915 class numbered 464,000, and with the retention of the 1914 class for another year, the number of Germans under regular military training in 1936 was 1,521,000 men, excluding the para-military formations of the Nazi party and the Work Battalions. The effective strength of the French Army, apart from reserves, in the same year was 623,000 men, of whom only 407,000 were in France.

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The following figures, which actuaries could foresee with some precision, tell their tale:

Table of Comparative French and German Figures for the Classes of Men Born from 1914 to 1920, and Called Up from 1934-40.

Year	German	French
1934	596,000	279,000
1935	464,000	184,000
1936	351,000	165,000
1937	314,000	171,000
1938	320,000	197,000
1939	485,000	218,000
1940	636,000	360,000
	3,172,000	1,574,000

Until these figures became facts as the years unfolded, they were still but warning shadows. All that was done up to 1935 fell far short of the strength and power of the French Army and its vast reserves, apart from its numerous and vigorous Allies. Even at this time a resolute decision upon the authority, which could easily have been obtained, of the League of Nations might have arrested the whole process.

Germany could either have been brought to the bar at Geneva and invited to give a full explanation and allow inter-Allied missions of inquiry to examine the state of her armaments and military formations in breach of the Treaty; or, in the event of refusal, the Rhine bridgeheads could have been reoccupied until compliance with the Treaty had been secured, without there being any possibility of effective resistance or much likelihood of bloodshed.

In this way the Second World War could have been at least delayed indefinitely.

(To be Continued).

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Togliatti's Pledge Of No Violence

Rome, Apr. 22.

Signor Palmiro Togliatti, leader of the Italian Communists, today denounced Sunday's general elections as "corrupt" and influenced by "brutal foreign intervention," but pledged his party not to resort to violence.

The Italian Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, head of the victorious Christian Democrats, rejected the Communist charges and said that his clear majority in both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate "does not mean a defeat for the working classes."

Interviewed by the Communist newspaper, "Unita," Signor Togliatti said: "We will open and keep open the question of having freely held elections in which people will not be menaced by hunger and war from abroad, and by threats of hellfire from priests". But, he added, "to use force, whatever the outcome, would result in harm to our nation, which would then be threatened with the loss of its independence".

Signor de Gasperi, at his press conference, commented "If America wanted to act as Signor Togliatti suggests, she would have withheld her grain until she knew who would get it.

"Italy understood very well the difference between an imperialist America seeking to dominate Europe through threats of war and an American seeking the reconstruction of Europe through wholehearted collaboration," he said.

"No Talking For A Month"

Plymouth, Apr. 22.

Mrs. Winnifred Wilkie brought Mrs. M. P. Tope into court yesterday and for 80 minutes Judge Seobell Armstrong listened to both talking at once about the troubles a landlady has with a tenant and vice versa.

Finally the judge shouted, "Will you be quiet!" and delivered the verdict:

"For one month, you both will pretend to be deaf and dumb. When you see each other not one word must be spoken. Write everything. No conversation at all."

The landlady, Mrs. Wilkie, and the tenant, Mrs. Tope, left quietly.—United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

"This is nothing! Next week I'm advertising Tony's ..."

Anzac Day

Tomorrow is Anzac Day . . . day of most solemn memory for 10,000,000 Australians and New Zealanders in their homelands and throughout the world.

Tomorrow in every city and town throughout these two great British Commonwealth countries or overseas wherever there are groups of these two peoples homage will be done at shrines and cenotaphs, at memorials and tombs to men who suffered glorious defeat but who inspired an unconquerable spirit and a national pride.

Tomorrow, as elsewhere, Australians and New Zealanders in Hong Kong will gather at the Cenotaph in memory of these men.

Thirty-three years ago, on April 25, 1915, the Anzac tradition was born.

On that day the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps—a World War I combination from the initials of which the name Anzac is derived—began an assault on the rugged shores of Gallipoli, at the entrance to Dardanelles. Comrades in arms were the men of the famous British 29th Division.

The day was a Sunday, just as tomorrow is a Sunday, which makes this year's commemoration all the more fitting.

Start Of A Strategy

The attack was to be the start of a strategy designed to turn the tide of victory in the Allies favour. That it eventually failed was of serious importance then, but the significance of the event has brought an ever growing victory out of the defeat.

By December, 1914, the British armies were bogged down in France. They faced a strong, unflinching German barrier. There seemed no chance of breaking through.

So a plan was formed of forcing an entry into Germany through the back door provided by her then-ally, Turkey. A large British fleet, augmented by French warships, was assembled in the Mediterranean. Preliminary bombardments of the forts of the Dardanelles were made, the last being in March, 1915.

Ground forces included the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps under General Sir William Birdwood. This corps included the 1st Australian Division under General Bridges and the mixed New Zealand and Australian Division under General Sir Alexander Godley. The British 29th Division was commanded by General Hunter-Weston.

The landings were made in darkness and in daylight on the morning of April 25.

So began a bitter, bloody duel. For months the attackers, later reinforced by other Allied forces, including the Gurkhas, clung to their beachheads and attempted to inch their way inland.

They were at a serious disadvantage in many respects. The enemy held the heights, he knew the terrain, and he was able to supply his troops with comparative ease. Moreover, the Turk was a redoubtable and tenacious fighter whose capacity demanded and earned respect.

Suffered Grievously

The Anzacs and their comrades fought uphill on unknown terrain and backed by supply lines that were extremely difficult to maintain. They fought well and they gained ground but they could not break the Turkish line. They kept many Turkish divisions occupied and they inflicted heavy casualties. But, in dead and wounded, they also suffered grievously themselves.

Then, in November, 1915, it was decided to evacuate. The operation was left to the commanders on the spot. By clever strategy it was carried out in December and early January without loss.

Militarily, the entire project may or may not have been a blunder. That is for military historians to settle, and matters little now.

But one thing is certain. Australians and New Zealanders had already fought in the Empire's cause, notably in the South African War. Gallipoli, however, was their first great baptism by fire, and they were not found wanting. They lost the battle but they won honour.

That is why Australians and New Zealanders are proud of their men of Anzac, and give homage to them.

That is why, each Anzac Day, they gather in their tens, and in their tens of thousands, and recite proudly but with humility:—

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;

"Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning

"We will remember them."

U. S. HOUSING PROJECTS

Washington, Apr. 22.

The Senate today passed the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill, aimed at building 15,000,000 homes in the next ten years.

The measure faces an uphill fight in the House.

The Senate-Writes back into the bill a US$205,000,000 rural housing programme.

Senator Robert Taft estimated that the measure would cost about US$150,000,000 yearly, plus money spent on farm housing.—United Press.

Church's Defence

Church influence was "purely of a spiritual nature. The Church has already seen what has happened to the clergy and institutions in other countries and was rightly nervous as to the future in Italy.

"After all, the Church was the subject of very strong attacks from Communism and was, to a great extent, defending herself."

Signor de Gasperi said he was prepared to collaborate with other democratic parties such as those already in the Government.

The Government today banned a Communist demonstration in Milan on Sunday—the fourth anniversary of the final liberation of Italy—under an order imposed for the elections, which the Ministry of the Interior announced, would remain in force until Monday. Partisan organisations would, as an exception, be allowed to hold non-political demonstrations.—Reuter.

SUIT AGAINST FORD

New York, Apr. 21.

Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan today denied a motion to dismiss a US$251,000,000 damage suit brought against Ford Motor Company of Detroit and other defendants by Harry Ferguson, Inventor, of Detroit and Coventry, England, and Harry Ferguson, Incorporated, Detroit.

The suit charged Ford interests with conspiracy to [illegible] Ferguson contracts and patents and with violating [illegible] laws by monopolizing [illegible] tractors.—United Press.

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Arabs Threaten Invasion

King Of Transjordan Sounds Rally Call

Jews In Full Control Of Port Of Haifa

Amman, Transjordan, Apr. 22.

King Abdullah of Transjordan today called on Arab Kings and rulers to merge their armies with his Arab Legion into a striking force when the British mandate ends on May 15.

King Abdullah declared that the Arab world "must take action against Zionism. Our whole being is at stake."

"I call on all Arab countries to join my Army in Palestine to run the Arab character of that country when the British end their mandatory rule on May 15."

Reliable Cairo informants said today that as many as 50,000 men from the regular armies of six Arab nations will move into Palestine on three fronts on May 16 unless something happens at Lake Success to avert a military decision in the Holy Land.

The plan for intervention has been drafted because Arab leaders now regard full-scale war, whether declared or undeclared, "almost inevitable."

Stronger Measures

Recent Jewish successes and the "massacres of Palestine Arabs at Deir Yassin, Tiberias and other places" has compelled the taking of stronger measures than the raising of an army of volunteers.

Arabs admit they underestimated the Jewish punching power when they formulated plans for guerilla war.

The plan now calls for Egypt and Saudi Arabia to move in from the south, Iraqi and Transjordan units to strike from the East and Syrian and Lebanese forces to attack from the North.

Earlier, Arab leaders in Haifa had bowed to a Jewish blitz and agreed to evacuate the port.

Jewish forces seized virtual control of Haifa in all night fighting which Arabs described as a massacre. They estimated 50 to 100 Arabs were killed in house to house action.

Haifa has supplied practically all the import demands of Transjordan and most of those of Iraq and Syria, and an Arab spokesman said, "King Abdullah (of Transjordan) cannot let Haifa remain in Jewish hands."

Streaming Out

The Arab population of Haifa is streaming out of the city. More than 15,000 left after last night's Haganah attack, which swept Arab defenders out of most of the strategic points in the old city.

Arab officials have requested a meeting with Major Gen. Stockwell tomorrow to arrange for the evacuation of the remainder.

An official announcement in Jerusalem said that 100 Arab wounded were being evacuated from Haifa's Emil Hospital to the Government hospital.

Four British officers were wounded, one Mauritanian soldier was killed and 12 others wounded today at Haifa.

Sporadic Firing

Although sporadic firing continued through the day; both Jews and Arabs were in the main observing the cease-fire agreement. Four or five shots an hour were heard in the city. The Arabs said most of their men, including Iraqi troops, left today, while Arab commanders left yesterday. More than 6,000 Arabs left by small boats for Acre, nine miles north, where a large evacuation camp has been set up.

Refusal To Sign

The Arabs in agreeing to evacuate the strategic oil port city, refused to sign truce terms presented by the Jewish forces.

Three-cornered efforts by the British, Arabs and Jews broke down after a six-hour conference.

Major General H. C. Stockwell, commander of the British forces still in Haifa and North Palestine, virtually ordered the Arabs to sign the truce terms, but National Committee members remained adamant.

The Arabs said, however, that the ceasefire order agreed to at noon would remain in force and that the Arabs would evacuate the city.

A Haganah spokesman said the ease of the victory astonished the Jews as much as anyone and the city was stunned by the rapidity of developments.

The Haganah had anticipated several days of extremely heavy fighting, with heavy casualties.

Last night's attack started with limited objectives, but lack of resistance brought a sweep through the Arab positions.

The Arabs made the opening move for peace when they contacted Major Stockwell and requested terms. Acting as mediator, Major Stockwell asked the Haganah for terms, which demanded complete disarmament of Arabs and a search of the city which would be turned over to the Jews, while Arabs would be permitted to return to their jobs and remain in the city.

After more than two hours, the Arabs agreed to sign terms provided the British instead of the Haganah conducted the search for arms and the British assisted in policing the city and deporting alien elements.

Maj.-General and the Haganah finally agreed to act in conjunction, and the Arabs agreed, but requested an hour to consult other Arabs before signing.

Armed Escort

The Arabs left the City Hall, which is in Jewish Hadar Macarmel, with a heavy British escort of four light tanks and other armoured cars, for the Arab section. They returned in half an hour to the hall, and announced they were unable to sign since they were unable to guarantee terms, but would request their own side to observe the cease fire until the evacuation was completed. They accepted the British offer of assistance and safe conduct for Arabs wishing to leave.

Gen. Stockwell curtly told the Arabs they were making a mistake and said he was unable to accept responsibility for more slaughter.

The Jewish Mayor, who has been 40 years in Palestine, begged with tears in his eyes for Arab citizens to remain in the city and sign the terms, but the Arabs refused.

Nablus Fighting

Jerusalem, April 22.

Government officials said today that 20 Jews and three Arabs were killed when 250 Jewish troops stormed two Arab villages near Nablus in retaliation for an Arab attack in the vicinity yesterday.

Officials said that four Jews and two Arabs were slain yesterday when Arabs attacked field labourers outside the Jewish colony of Ramat Hakovesh near Nablus.

Haganah troops stormed the neighbouring Arab villages of Zerin and Maris today in retaliation.

Two Jews were killed today near Petá Tikva when a bus in which they were travelling hit a mine.—United Press and Associated Press.

Bill Read A Third Time

London, Apr. 22.

The Palestine Bill, providing for the ending of British jurisdiction in Palestine when the mandate terminates on May 15, was read a third time and passed by the House of Lords without discussion today.

As the Bill had already been passed by the House of Commons, it only requires the Royal assent to become law.—Reuter.

Symphony Creates Sensation

London, Apr. 22.

Music critics today hailed a new symphony by 75-year-old Ralph Vaugh Williams as one of the most brilliant triumphs of his career.

Performed for the first time on Wednesday night by the BBC orchestra under the baton of Sir Adrian Boult, the work—Symphony No. 6 in E Minor—was received first in impressive silence then with a torrent of applause. Again and again the composer was summoned to the platform.

"The whole thing," said Scott Goddard of the "News Chronicle," "was a very moving experience. Music of this quality is rare and it startles one with the profundity of feeling it expresses."

Vaughn Williams' music has always defied facile labelling and his new symphony is bound to stir up new fuss over his meanings.

The "London Times" critic said—the symphony can be related to "the experience of war, its challenges, its sinister import for ultimate values, its physical bombardment even."

Generally deemed to be Britain's greatest living composer, Vaughan Williams is an essentially shy man. He declined to discuss his fresh success.—Associated Press.

Court Asked For Opinion

The Hague, Apr. 22.

The International Court of Justice today began consideration of the United Nations request for an advisory opinion on conditions governing the admission of new members.

The Soviet Union's action in barring Italy and other countries from United Nations membership unless Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania were also accepted, led to the Assembly to ask the World Court whether members were entitled, under the Charter, to make such conditions.

Fifteen nations have submitted written statements of their views while oral evidence will be given by representatives of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Poland and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

America Ready To Send Troops

Washington, Apr. 22.

President Truman said today that the United States was ready to furnish its fair share of troops as a police force, organised by the United Nations, to deal with the Jewish-Arab question in Palestine. He was reiterating the statement made by the United States delegation to the United Nations in the debate on the Palestine problem.

In London, Mr. Berl Locker, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, who has just returned from Palestine, told a press conference today: "If we are not attacked by stronger forces than the Arab States, we shall be able to hold on to the Jewish States which now exists over a large area."

Mr. Locker blames "external intervention by the Arab States" for the fighting in Palestine and described the attitude of the British administration as one of "unfriendly neutrality."

At Lake Success, Australia introduced into the debate on Palestine a resolution calling on the Palestine Commission to create Provisional Councils of Government for Jews and Arabs, and also militia forces in the areas concerned.

The resolution asked the General Assembly to call on the States of the Arab League to "prohibit their nationals from engaging in activities in Palestine intended to obstruct" the General Assembly.

M. Alexandre Parodi, of France, appealed for quick action to protect Jerusalem. "We are not proposing permanent or even temporary political and administrative measures for the Holy City.

"We merely want immediate measures to make Jerusalem into a refuge for all populations."

He proposed that the Trusteeship Council should immediately choose a chief of police and he could immediately begin recruiting a voluntary police force, both in Palestine and the rest of the world.

Ukraine Critic

M. Vassili Tarasenko, of the Ukraine, urged the implementation of partition and accused Britain of "seeking all kinds of means to wreck the decision of the Assembly." He also criticised the United States "retreat" from partition, saying "certain interests in the United States consider that oil is much more precious than the blood of Arabs and Jews."

Dr. Joao Carlos Nuniz, of Brazil, supporting the trusteeship plan, said: "In order that this suggestion may produce the full effect, there is an essential condition that it be supported by the powers which are more directly responsible for a solution of the problem and that it lead to the adoption of an agreement among them to enforce, without fail, the trusteeship plan.

"Everything indicates that without this preliminary agreement and without the determination to carry it out, the plan, which is now presented as a suggestion or, in fact, any other plan, has little probability of success."

Arab Defiance

Rabbi Silver said the Security Council capitulated when it was "confronted by defiance" as the Arabs "resorted to mob violence from within Palestine and organised invasion forces from without."

He accused the Arab States of a "brazen and contemptuous violation of the United Nations Charter" in "preparing for even larger military action upon the termination of the mandate, if not sooner."

Rabbi Silver said it was "too late in the day" to impose a trusteeship. Postponing a settlement for a few more years "would only exacerbate the situation and prolong the present agony."

The Yemen delegate said the partition recommendation of the Assembly was illegal and denied that it "reflected world opinion." The Yemen did not, however, object to the Trusteeship Committee studying the American "working" paper on trusteeship, but reserved its opinion of the paper's merits, he said.

The Committee adjourned until later today.—Reuter.

Pardon Of Deserters Urged

London, Apr. 22.

Percy Shurmer, Labour Party MP for Birmingham, today appealed to King George VI today to pardon all army deserters as a Silver Wedding act of clemency.

He said the number of deserters may still be as high as 20,000.

Queen Victoria set a precedent for a mass pardon when she marked her Golden Jubilee in 1887.

Several thousand men who now lead an underground life in all sorts of ways," Shurmer said in a letter to Buckingham Palace, "would I feel sure, once given a chance to be free, become much more useful to the country than under present conditions and also live a normal life with their parents or wives and children."—Associated Press.

Syria Calls For Action

Damascus, Apr. 22.

Syria has instructed its delegates to the Arab League's Political Committee in Cairo to ask for immediate action by regular Arab forces in Palestine before the end of the British mandate.

Syrian official circles said today that the Arab League had thought that untrained Arab forces could dominate the situation, but the recent Jewish massacres and armed Russian interference had changed the whole situation.

The Syrian Government considers that Haganah represents the armed forces of World Jewry and not the Palestine Jews. It is opposed by Arab guerilla forces of untrained men without modern equipment or a centralised command.—Reuter.

Communist Strike In France

Paris, Apr. 22.

A new strike movement led by the Communist General Confederation of Labour threatened to develop in France today as 130,000 miners ceased work.

After the pit disaster on Monday which caused 12 deaths, the miners struck today in support of claims arising partly out of explosion and partly on a demand for a general 20 per cent increase in wages.

The strike movement started yesterday when 8,000 men came out.—Reuter.

POST-ELECTION BATTLE

Naples, Apr. 22.

Carabinieri and Communists fought a post-election gun battle at Lusciano, near Naples, today in which one Communist was wounded and five arrested.

Arming themselves from a secret dump, the Communists tried to set fire to a local church and blow up the local municipal buildings.

The police seized handgrenades pistols and about 5,000 rounds of ammunition.—Reuter.

Rome, Apr. 22.

Army Headquarters in Milan today announced that Army planes and troops were dispersing 3,000 Left Wing partisans from Milan, Genoa and Parma massed in the northern hills.—United Press.

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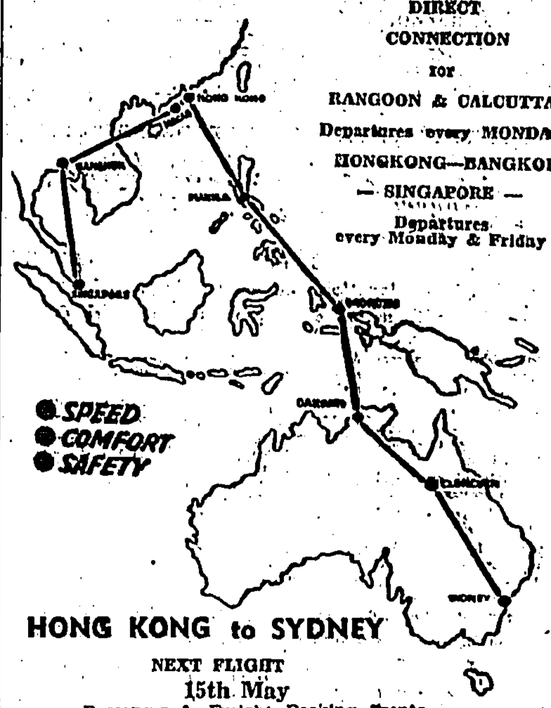

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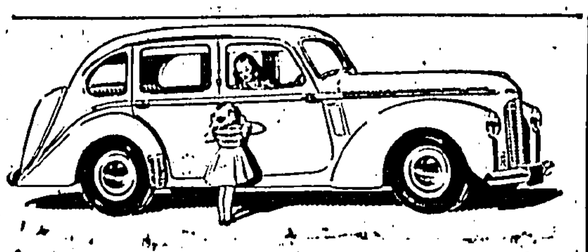

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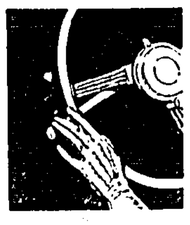

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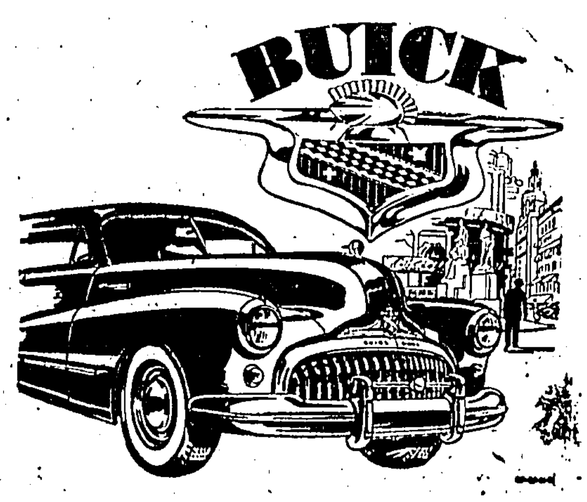

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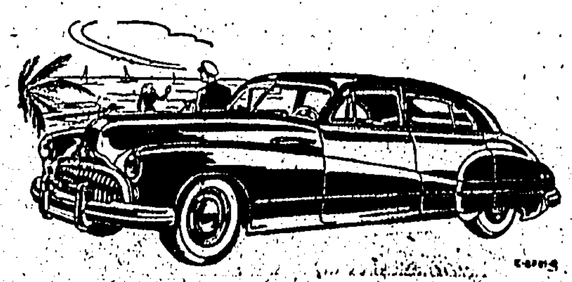

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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

TORSION BAR SUSPENSION

During the first 30 years of motoring history the road springs used on the overwhelming majority of motor-cars were of the leaf type directly inherited from the days of horsedrawn carriages. This type of spring has many advantages, but in the past decade it has been gradually losing ground to coil springs and torsion bars.

Most people are familiar with the coil type of spring as it is used to shut the valves of all motor-car engines and has many other common domestic applications.

The torsion bar is more of a novelty but it is essentially a coil spring produced in a different form. When a coil spring is subjected to load it is either lengthened or shortened and this change in dimension puts a twist right through the wire of which it is made. Exactly the same thing happens with a torsion bar except that as it is pulled out into a straight piece of metal there is no noticeable change in dimensions. One can indeed liken a torsion bar to a snake stretched out straight and a coil spring to a snake coiled and ready to strike.

As many know, the coiled form has become exceedingly popular in the United States. With the exception of Ford nearly all manufacturers in that country use it for the front suspension of their cars. Oldsmobile and Buick also use it at the back.

An Ingenious Design

In Europe a great deal of work during the 1930's was done on the torsion bar type. An Austrian, Dr. Porsche, took out many patents, and this form of spring was used on German racing cars and by the French in one of their biggest selling motor-cars — the Citroen. In 1937, Vauxhall took up this type of spring for use on their 10 and later on their 12 h.p. models. In their design the spring lies across the car and turns with the wheel. This imposes a very severe limitation on the length of the bar as the amount of twist which can be put in is limited and a short length means a stiff spring. To overcome this difficulty Vauxhalls use a most ingenious design in which a torsion bar is twisted by the wheel movement and the bar then hands on part of the twist to an external tube which doubles back over the bar. By this means the effective length is approximately doubled.

Since World War II more new British cars have used torsion bars in some cases at the front and one at the back, and in some for all four wheels. Armstrong Siddeley, Jowett, and Riley all use the arrangement first made popular by Citroen; that is to say, the swinging links which hold each front wheel on to the frame and have a torsion bar running through them. This bar then extends backwards along the frame and, therefore, can be made a considerable length. It is of interest to note that there are two distinct methods of holding the end of the bar into the frame. Some companies prefer splines, other a squared end to which a clamp is attached. This important feature is to have an external adjustment so that the whole bar can be, as it were, trimmed on the spring. The reason for this is that the torsion bars have to be pre-twisted before they are put into the cars otherwise the first few loadings would give them a permanent set which would reduce the ground clearance and make the car stand unevenly. Even with this presetting the exact initial deflection cannot be calculated. It is, therefore, normal to fix a big end to the bar on small rockers and these can be adjusted to get the required results. Once set in this manner no further disturbance will take place.

In the Bristol car a torsion bar is used only on the rear axle. This is also true with the Lagonda. In the Jowett the front bars run parallel to the wheelbase and the rear bars lie across the frame. It has been arranged, however, that only four bars of the same length and interchangeable are used. The relative degree of flexibility between the front and rear end systems being cunningly arranged by changes in the length of the levers. The Invicta is a special case as it has independent springing front and back.

The Lagonda has a particularly clever frame design made from one large X shape member and the torsion bars follow this at the back.

An Interesting Question

It can be safely predicted that a number of other British models which will be introduced in the next 12 months will also use this type of spring. This raises the interesting question as to why this type is preferred by so many modern designers. When comparing it with a leaf spring the advantages are fairly obvious. It is free from friction and thus independent of weather and wear, and unable to develop squeaks and rattles. It is very much lighter than a leaf spring in fact four torsion bars may easily save 100 lbs. in weight compared to four leaf springs on a medium sized car. It is exceedingly reliable and properly tested and designed torsion bars are almost immune from failure. A number of these virtues are shared with the coil spring and the choice between the two is largely determined by convenience. However, there is little doubt that the torsion bar is slightly lighter than the coil type.

The most important advantage is concerned with the way in which the road stresses are transferred into the chassis frame. With the coil spring mounted outside the frame at one of the extreme corners a heavy twist is put into the chassis every time the wheel strikes an obstacle. With the torsion bar type the resistance is, so to speak, transferred well back into the centre of the frame, the stresses on which are thus very much reduced.

Consistent operation, lightness, reliability, and reduction in frame shock, these then are the reasons why many of Britain's post-war motor-cars are utilising this relatively novel type of road spring.

Hong Kong Automobile Association Rally

The Hong Kong Automobile Association is once again a going and active concern and it behoves all Hong Kong motorists for their own personal advantage and for the good of motoring in general in this Colony to join the Association with the least possible delay, or, if they were already members before the war, to get their names re-instated on the list of members forthwith.

Members re-joining will not be asked to pay any Entrance Fee at all, whilst new applicants, in spite of rising costs in all directions, will be accepted into the Association on payment of the extraordinarily reasonable Entrance Fee of only HK$20. The Annual Subscription has been fixed at HK$25 for car owners and HK$10 for Motor Cycle and Non-Car owners.

Since it is but human, even in this Utopia of Hong Kong (shades of Simple Simon!), to ask, "What am I going to get out of it?" here goes:

This Association was formed in 1918 and had for its first President the Hon. Mr. David Landale. The Association works in conjunction with similar bodies in all parts of the Empire and is associated with and recognised by the major Automobile Clubs to Hong Kong.

The Association is in a position to assist members wishing to take their cars to other countries and to assist members of other Clubs wishing to bring their cars to Hong-Kong.

The Association will issue a yearly handbook of utmost value to local motorists. Amongst other useful information contained in this handbook are local parking and traffic regulations, The Highway Code, Traffic Signals, all the most up-to-date news available on foreign road travel and the entry and exit of cars into various countries, an excellent section on the care and maintenance of motor vehicles and most useful road maps of Hong Kong and Kowloon. The last year book brought out by the Association was that for 1940-1941, but plans for the new Handbook are already under way and it is hoped to issue the 1948-1949 edition towards the end of this year.

The Hong Kong Automobile Association badge, which before the war was carried by about 2,000 private cars in the Colony, will again be seen in profusion in the near future. A few old badges recently recovered have been distributed and a further 500 badges are on order and should be available to Members within a few days. A motorist carrying the badge of the Hong Kong Automobile Association becomes entitled to benefits connected with Insurance, Legal Advice and special reduced subscriptions to affiliated bodies. He becomes one of the world-wide fraternity of motorists, and partakes of their privileges by right of his membership of this Association.

Join the Association and save money

The Association has already appointed a General Supervisor and two Car Park Supervisors, one each in Kowloon and Hong Kong, who will commence their duties on May 1st.

Members of the Committee have been in consultation with the Traffic Superintendent at the Central Police Station and a very much improved parking and one-way traffic system is likely to be introduced in Hong Kong in the near future. Traffic Superintendent Binstead has been most active in seeking a general amelioration of traffic problems in Hong Kong and it is hoped that he will shortly be in a position to reveal his plans for further improvements.

At the moment the Committee are very actively negotiating with the various car-cleaning organisations in an effort to obtain for members of the Association a uniform and reasonable rate for car cleaning and watching in Hong Kong and Kowloon. It is anticipated that the present negotiations will be successful within a few days, in which case many members of the Association will effect such a saving in the present rates they are paying for car-cleaning that, on this one benefit alone, they will more than save the amount of the annual subscription to the Association.

If you are a motorist, or if you are interested in motoring, and you are not already an active member of the Association, get in touch at once with any member of the Committee, or direct with the Secretaries, Messrs. Peat, Marwick & Mitchell, Exchange Building. Telephone 27795.

Taxi Service For Macao

For the first time in the history of Macao, taxi-cabs with taxi meters will be on hire in the Portuguese Colony from tomorrow.

A new company formed by Mr. Koh Hon Ying, manager of the Oriental Theatre in Hong Kong, has just shipped 15 new British cars to Macao, and has received the monopoly rights for this business from the Macao Government. All the cars are painted with a strip of orange colour on the sides with an electric sign in the front on the radiator, and chauffeurs are equipped with uniforms.

The taxis will be on hire at the rate of $1 for the first mile and 20 cts. for each subsequent quarter mile, 40 cts. for waiting time for per five minutes (Macao currency), and will be parked at the steamship wharfs, airport and well populated sections of the Colony.

A Useful Medium Lorry

Designed primarily for export, a new range of medium capacity lorries has been introduced by Leyland Motors to supplement the existing heavy vehicles, which are prevented from being widely used in certain overseas countries by recent legislation limiting the axle weights of commercial vehicles. Named the "Comet", the new Leyland truck has a carrying capacity of from six to seven tons, midway between the heavy vehicles and the light trucks, and is powered by a six-cylinder Diesel engine developing 75 brake horse-power. A petrol engine will also be available. The transmission includes a five-speed gearbox and a hypoid rear axle. A notable departure is the modern treatment of the pressed steel cab, which has smooth, flowing lines and recessed lights. There will be three basic models — freight, dump and tractor.

U.K. Mines Modernization

Britain's National Coal Board has placed orders for £9,000,000 worth of machinery as the first instalment in the extensive programme of mines' modernisation.

It is hoped that by June next year pits will have been provided with nearly 1,500 new coal cutters, 3,000 belt conveyors, about 1,200 other conveyors and some cutter loaders.

The first part of the modernisation scheme includes also a special programme for new underground locomotives, 250 of which will be installed by June, 1949.

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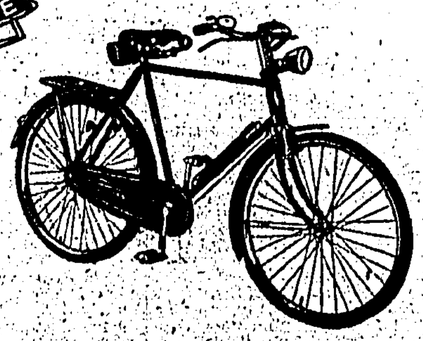

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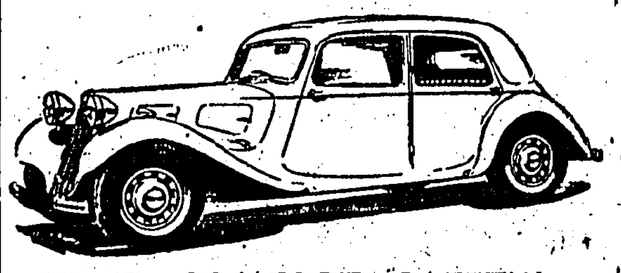

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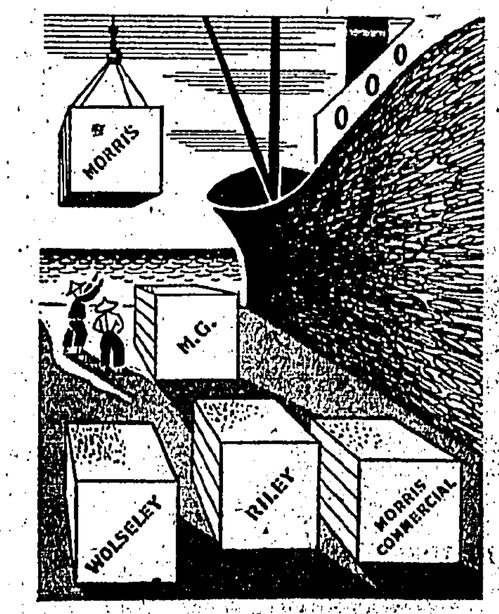

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NANKING DEMOCRACY

Attempt To Manhandle Chairman Of Assembly

Passage Of Proposals Blocked

Nanking, Apr. 23.

The National Assembly's session yesterday afternoon ended with a forcible attempt made by some angry delegates to manhandle the chairman for deliberately blocking passage of the last series of proposals, which, among other things, included the setting up of a Resident Committee upon the conclusion of the Assembly's current session.

In the chair was General Hu Chiang, attached to the Ministry of National Defence, whose action in declaring that there were not enough delegates to make a quorum towards the end of the session and adjourning it without consulting the floor as to the necessity of extension, as is the usual practice, provoked several delegates to climb the platform and follow with clenched fists as he unashamedly dodged into the conference room in the back, followed by general confusion and agitation.

Throughout the greater part of the afternoon proposals, running into hundreds, had been declared passed by the chairman with practically the same number of delegates present if no objections were raised.

The chairman's action today, which many delegates called "dirty and undemocratic," was presumably intended to conform with the earlier statement by President Chiang Kai-shek that no such thing as a Resident Committee of the National Assembly should be organised.

Apparently working under the same principle, the Presidium had listed the same group of proposals at the very end of the discussion period with remarks that no conclusive decision was made thereon by the Proposal and Examination Committee after three full days' deliberations, and with more than 600 delegates supporting them.—Reuter.

Soviet Canard

Berlin, Apr. 22.

Soviet charges that the British authorities had "tampered" with the wreckage of the Yak fighter after its collision with a Viking passenger plane over Berlin were denied by Major-General Neville Brownjohn, the British Deputy Military Governor in Germany, tonight.

He also denied that the evidence was falsified. The charges were made in the report of the Soviet inquiry into the crash which occurred on April 5.

General Brownjohn said: "The report of the British investigation, based upon the examination of official documents and the sworn evidence of officials, experts and witnesses, has already been published.

"I have no comment to make on the Soviet version except to say that the British did not tamper with the wreckage of the Yak and did not falsify the evidence."

No copy of the Soviet report had been received at British Military Government headquarters tonight, but it was understood here that copies of the published statement were under scrutiny in London.—Reuter.

Inadequacy Of Marshall Aid

London, Apr. 22.

The "Financial Times" political correspondent writes: Britain's March trade figures have accentuated the gloom in political circles about the prospects of reducing the gap in the balance of payments to manageable proportions.

Members of Parliament on both sides of the House are beginning to realise the inadequacy of Marshall aid to stop the rapid depletion of the gold reserve.

There is a growing feeling that the Government should resist unrequited exports.

A statement by the National Bank of Egypt that within a brief period Egypt had succeeded in unlocking £80,000,000 on her wartime sterling balances is likely to be raised as indicating the Government's carelessness.—Reuter.

FLYING SLATE

Elland, England, Apr. 23.

A piece of slate blasted from a quarry face today sailed 80 yards through a window and injured four persons, one fatally.

Alfred Wilson, 28, died of head injuries.—Associated Press.

Survivor's Story Of Crash

London, Apr. 22.

A survivor of the Belgian Sabena Air Lines crash on March 2 said today that the plane stalled and nose-dived while landing through fog in London. Twenty persons were killed.

Brigadier Nicholson, one of the three aboard who escaped told his story at an inquest.

Earlier in the flight from Brussels to London, Nicholson said, the steward of the Dakota threw up his hands after talking with the pilot and said:

"They don't know where they are or what they are going to do."

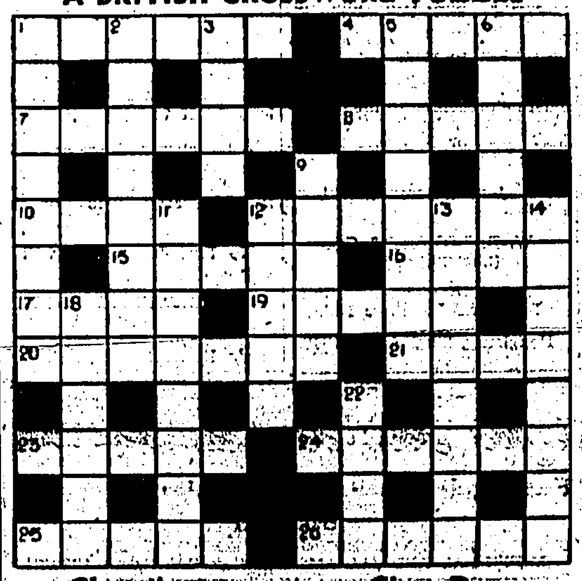
Marcel Beber, assistant operations manager of Sabena, testified that the pilot could have gone to another field had he wished.—Associated Press.

NEW MINISTER

Washington, Apr. 22.

Mr. Charles Sawyer, a former American Ambassador to Belgium, today accepted nomination as Secretary of Commerce to succeed Mr. Averell Harriman, who is to be the roving Marshall Aid ambassador in Europe.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Uncommonness. 4 Bring out. 7 Middle with. 8 Customary. 10 Tidy. 12 Signifies. 15 Wide. 16 Small hollow. 17 Lazy. 19 Rule. 20 Brings into being. 21 Paradise 23 Hatred. 24 Chaperon. 25 Drivetuack. 26 Remained.

Clues Down

1 Imaginative. 2 Trustworthy. 3 Throw up. 5 Remove. 6 Cowardly. 9 Yields. 11 Wealth. 12 Ventured. 13 Trend. 14 Banner. 18 Maid-of-all work. 22 Short and sharp.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 8 Improves. 9 Eshume. 0 Mediocre. 11 Depleted. 23 Unit. 15 Accost. 18 False. 19 Over. 22 Interaction. 24 Hoarse. 25 Ruth. 26 Heavenly.

Down: 1 Ready. 2 Sheep. 3 Immense. 4 Meet. 5 Hall. 6 Vacant. 7 Scents. 10 Depot. 14 Cadge. 16 Tender. 17 Course. 20 Sieve. 21 Ahant. 22

Gibraltar Court-Martial

Gibraltar, Apr. 22.

A Naval court martial today found three naval ratings guilty of deserting their ship, a naval frigate at Beirut, to join the Arab forces in Palestine.

One rating was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and dismissed the Services, another to one year and dismissal, and the third to six months' detention.—Reuter.

Denmark Upsets An M.P.

London, Apr. 22.

A Conservative Member of Parliament suggested in the House of Commons today that the Government should make representations to the Danish Government about its "refusal to issue import licences for imports of linoleum from Britain."

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, replied that the Danish authorities had only very recently made known to Britain their proposed overall import programme for this year.

This was now being considered. "We shall take up with the Danish authorities any cases in which it appears that due regard is not being paid to the normal pattern of trade," he added.—Reuter.

Daring Malta Hold-Up

Malta, Apr. 22.

Six masked men armed with submachine guns today held up three lorries carrying wages to dockyard workers, getting away with £115,000.

Marine commandos escorting the pay trucks were driven off by machine gun bursts.

Described by high police officials as a perfectly planned crime, it started when a touring car passed the trucks on a lonely road and when ahead, stopped.

Six masked men descended seized the truck after turning off the escort drivers. Driving off the truck the bandits were pursued by a Naval petty officer and seamen in a jeep. They were compelled to abandon the chase in the fact of machine gun fire.

Despite an intensive search, the vehicles so far have not been found.—Associated Press.

TIENTSIN DRAMA

Tientsin, April 23.

A Chinese Army officer's wife killed her husband's best friend claiming that he raped her while her husband was fighting Communists in Chahar.

Chao Chih-ting, 22, killed Cheng Chien-chin, retired regimental commander, with five bullets in the back from his own pistol. She told the police that the rape occurred in her house.—United Press.

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"TREVOSE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	13th June
"TREVEAN"	Japan	15th June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVELYAN"	Shanghai & Japan	30th Apr.
"CANTON"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London (Tilbury)	noon 15th May
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai & Japan	25th May
"TREVELYAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	29th May
"TREVEAN"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam).	17th June
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ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
• "SANGOLA"	Calcutta & Rangoon via Straits	20th April
• "SIREHANA"	Japan & Amoy	2nd May

SAILINGS

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"STRAAT SOENDA"	from Japan 30th April	to Menado, Macassar & Java Ports, 2nd May

ASIA—AFRICA—SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

	Arrivals	Sailings
"BOISSEVAIN"	from Japan & Shanghai 4th May	to South Africa, South America, via Manila & Straits 11th May
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South America, South Africa, Mid May	to South Africa, South America, Early June

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	Arrivals	Sailings
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From	Date	Vessel
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	Mid. June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

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For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	In Port	m.v. "TAMARA"
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Ottawa, Apr. 22.

The Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board's annual report, tabled in the House of Commons here today, discussed the prospects of a continuation of Canadian credits to European countries.

The report said that, although the loans already granted had resulted in a serious depletion of Canada's exchange reserves, "it would not be realistic to expect a complete halt to the extension of credit by Canada to Europe."

However, the report added, "if we are to make foreign loans and, at the same time, to increase our foreign exchange reserves, we must have a current account surplus, larger than our loans."

The report estimated that the Canadian export surplus was financed by Canadian Government loans to the extent of $423,000,000 to the United Kingdom and $140,000,000 to other countries, mainly Western European.

"In the case of both the sterling area and other countries, these Canadian credits financed almost all their Canadian dollar deficits," the report said.

The European recovery programme would afford an opportunity for Canada to earn more convertible exchange from shipments to Europe, but warned that this would not, by itself, save Canada's immediate foreign exchange problem.—Reuter.

Monopoly Investigation

London, Apr. 22.

The House of Commons tonight approved the setting up of an independent commission to investigate complaints about monopolies in industry.

It had also invested Ministers with new powers to impose sanctions on monopolies found to operate against the public interest.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Business written this week has been on slightly more generous lines than last week, and the heavy investments, particularly Unions of Canton, have received more attention. There are shares whose present quotations are attracting notice and this has led to some price resistance. Whilst this resistance has not been followed by any great upsurge, quite a few quotations at the close make better showing than those of last week.

Dividends declared this week are:—Canton Insurance Office $12 account of its 1946 Working; Union of Canton 27/6; Indo-China S. N. Co. 6% on Pref. shares (6/-), 10% on Deferred shares (10/-) and bonus on Deferred of 10% (10/-).

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H.K. Tramways 23b, 23¾a, 23½sa.
Peak Trams (Old) 23a.
Peak Trams (New) 15a.
Star Ferries 127b.
Yaumati Ferries 53¾b.
C. Lights (Old) 24b, 24¼a.
C. Lights (New) 19b, 20a.
H.K. Electrics 49¾b, 50sa.
Macao Electrics 18½a.
Sandakan Lights 11b.
Telephones (Old) 44a, 43¾sa.
Telephones (New) 42b, 44a.
Shanghai Gas 6½a.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) 21¾b.
Canton Ices 7a.
Cements 42b, 43a, 43/42½sa.
H.K. Ropes 20b, 21a, 20¾/½sa.

STORES &c.
Dairy Farms (Old) 52b, 54a.
Dairy Farms (New) 52a.
Watsons (X. Rts.) 52¼b, 53/53¼sa.
Watsons (Rights) 27½b, 28sa.
Lane, Crawfords 55b, 57a.
Sinceres 9a, 8.90sa.
China Emporium 12¾b.
Sun Co., Ltd. 5.80a.
Kwong Sang Hong 203a.
Wong On (H.K.) 142½a.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12a.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 35½a.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 8a.
H.K. Constructions (New) 5a.
Vibro Piling 14½a.
Marsman Investments 13/3a.
Marsman (H.K.) 1.40a.

COTTONS
Ewos 10b.

RUBBERS, ETC.
Anglo-Javas 7.00b.
Padang Rubbers 1.40a.
Rubber Trusts 3.90b.
Samarang Rubbers 1¼b.
Tanah Merahs 1.40a.
Tebong Rubbers .08b, 1.00a.

Washington, Apr. 22.

The Senate approved today a bill to set up a US$150,000,000 fund intended to aid in the rehabilitation of the textile industry of Japan.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold had another quiet day yesterday with rates on the easy side.

Opening at $337.25 a tael it rose to $338.00, fell back to $335.25 and closed at $337.75 at the tiffin interval. It reopened in the afternoon at $338.00 but eased off again to $336.375 at the close.

Deliveries were: official 1,950 taels, unofficial 3,000 taels: total 4,950 taels.

Piastres opened at $11.40, went up to $11.45 and closed at $11.37½ a 100.

Chinese National currency opened at 8.125 cents for futures and 8.1 cents for spot (for CN$10,000) and closed 8.25 cents and 8.2 cents respectively.

Ticals were unchanged at $26.50 a 100. NEI Guilders improved slightly to $44.60 a 100.

U.S. dollars were easier at $5.66½ for notes. TT business was done at $5.76.

Sterling improved further to $13.15. Australian pounds were unchanged at $12.55.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Apr. 23.

In a fast trading session the stock market advanced to the highest level since last July.

2,830,000 shares were traded. 572 issues advanced, 290 declined. News of US Steel's US$25,000,000 price cut and the Corporation's stand against wage increase slowed the market until traders evidently decided it was good news.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 67.19, 20 Industrials 182.98, 15 Rails 57.64.

Closing quotations:—Adams Express 18⅛, Alaska Juneau 8⅛, American Can 84¾, American Smelting 59, American Telephone 154¼, American Waterworks 8⅝, Anaconda Copper 38⅝, Aviation Corp. 6¾, Baldwin Locomotive 15⅛, Barnsdall 41¾, Bendix Aviation 34¾, Bethlehem Steel 35⅝, Boeing Aircraft 26⅛, Borden Co. 41, Canadian Pacific 14⅜, J. I. Case 44⅛, Chrysler 61½, Colgate 48¼, Commercial Solvents 24¾, Corn Products 66, Dupont 175½, Eastman Kodak 48½, Electric Light & Power 20, General Electric 35⅛, General Motors 58, Goodrich 54¾, Goodyear 42⅞, Homestake Mining 39, International Harvester 95, International Paper 55, International Tel & Tel 18⅜, Johns Manville 87¾, Kennecott Copper 50, Montgomery Ward 57¾, National Distillers 21¾, National Lead 34¾, New York Central 16⅛, Packard Motors 4¾, Pan American Airways 9¼, Pennsylvania RR 20¼, Radio Corp. 10¾, Real Silk 12⅝, Republic Steel 28½, Reynolds Tobacco 35½, Schenley 21½, Sears Roebuck 87⅛, Shell Oil 31½, Socony Vacuum 18⅞, Southern Pacific 55, Standard Brands 25½, Standard Oil of Calif. 65, Standard Oil of N. J. 81⅛, Studebaker 22⅝, Union Bag 33, Union Carbide 118¾, US Rubber 44⅝, US Steel 77⅝, US Lines 20, Westinghouse 29¾, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 76⅞, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12⅝.—Associated Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Apr. 22.

Buyers were encountered today in the giltedged section of the London stock markets. Demand was for savings issues but the whole market moved up to the extent of a quarter per cent.

The announcement of the granting of credit by the United Kingdom to Poland brought firmness and activity to the foreign bond section.

Polish, Austrian, German and Hungarian loans moved higher with Austrians 4⅛% two points up at 68.

The selling of African and European Corporation shares was occasioned by the announcement of a proposed capital reconstruction of this company: a 6/- fall was recorded at 86/-. Apart from this weak feature, the Kaffir market was generally better on support for the dividend payers while there was also small buying of copper shares.

SECURITIES:

British Consols, 2½%	76-⅝
Conversion Loan, 3½% 1961	108-⅝
Funding Loan, 4% 1960/90	111-¼
War Loan, 3½% 1952	103-5/16
War Loan, 3%	103-¼
Victory Bonds, 4%	113-⅝

INDUSTRIALS:

Portland Cement Co.,	73/-
British American Tobacco	5-23/32
British Celanese ord	22/1½
Calcutta Electric	46/6
Calcutta Tramways	39/6
J. & P. Coats, ord	68/7½
Courtaulds, ord	40/4½
Dunlop Rubber Co., ord	73/-
Ford Motor Co., ord	50/6
Imperial Chemicals	48/10½
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G. B. & Irland)	5-⅝
Lever Brothers	51/10½
Marks & Spencer, ord	69/4½
Pinchin Johnson ord	65/6
Woolworth (F. W.) Co., ord.	82/7½

MINES:

Burma Corp	6/3
Spring Mines	8/9

GILTEDGED:

Funding Loan, 3%	99-⅞
National War Bonds, 2½% 1949/51	101-5/16
1952/54	101-9/16
1954/56	101-⅛
1951/53	101-9/16
Savings Bonds, 3% 1955/65	101-⅛
Savings Bonds, 3% 1960/70	99-⅝
Savings Bonds, 3% 1965/75	98-⅝
Exchequer Bonds, 1¾% 1950	100-13/16
Redemption Stock, 3% 1986/96	95

BANKS:

Chartered Bank	12-⅜
H.K. & Shanghai	119-½
Mercantile Bank	22-½

MINING SHARES:

Consol. Goldfields	64/4½
New Union Goldfields	5/6
Rooderand	13/1½
De La Rue, ord	44/6
West Driefontiens	95/10½
Selection Trusts	51/10½
Torpanites	6/9

—Reuter.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs Carmichael and Clarke, at 10 a.m., 27th April, 1948.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th April, 1948, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 14th May 1948, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Agents,
Ben Line Steamers Ltd.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1948.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.
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"TSINAN"	Swatow	3 p.m. 29th Apr. *
"YOCHOW"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang, Cheribon, Batavia & Banka	10 a.m. 30th Apr.
"HANYANG"	Amoy, Foochow & Tientsin	10 a.m. 1st May *
"ANHUI"	Amoy, Swatow, Holhow, Saigon, Singapore & Penang	10 a.m. 2nd May *
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 2nd May
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 3rd May *
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon	4 p.m. 10th May *
"HUNAN"	Amoy, Inchon & Tientsin	10 a.m. 15th May *

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ARRIVALS FROM

"ANHUI"	Swatow & Amoy	26th Apr.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin, Shanghai & Foochow	27th Apr.
"FUKIEN"	Java & Singapore	27th Apr.
"YOCHOW"	Shanghai & Amoy	28th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	a.m. 6th May

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NAN HAI (King Tai), Chinese, 2,213 tons, ex-Yulin, Capt. P.S. Chow, S.C.
SAN ERNESTO (J. Man.), Panamanian, 421 tons, ex-Singapore, Capt. M. Galdos ..... Ymt.
SCOTTISH MONARCH (Dodwell) ex-Mauritius A13
TOULOUSE (Thoresen) ex-Shanghai, A8
TAMARA (De La Rama), Swedish, ex-Manila, Capt. S. Angler A11
VAN HEUTSZ (B.I.L.), Dutch, 4,800 tons, ex-Singapore, Capt. K.A. Vlick A14
YAN TAI (C.M.S.N.), Chinese, 218 tons, ex-Tsamkong, Capt. Au King-wen ... C.M. Whf.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 2 p.m.
BRAATHENS (two planes) ex-Oslo via Bangkok: 2 p.m.
PAN-AMERICAN ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.
PHILIPPINE AIRLINES ex-Manila: 12 noon.
CNAC ex-Shanghai: 10.45 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Macao: 10.20 a.m., 2.20 p.m., 5.20 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 10.55 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.35 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

BOAC ex-Southampton via Bangkok: 2 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai: 2 p.m.; ex-Canton: 10.55 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.35 p.m.;
CNAC ex-Shanghai: 10.45 a.m.; ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.55 p.m.; ex-Canton: 3.20 p.m., 5.05 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 2 p.m.; ex-Macao: 10.20 a.m., 2.20 p.m., 5.20 p.m.

MONDAY

BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.
CNAC ex-Shanghai: 10.45 a.m.; ex-Canton: 3.20 p.m., 5.35 p.m.; ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.55 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC ex-Macao: 8.50 a.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 10.55 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.35 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

BOAC for Southampton via Bangkok: 8 a.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Shanghai: 10 a.m.; for Canton: 9 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4 p.m.
PAN-AMERICAN for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Dhahran, Istanbul, London: 9.15 p.m.
PHILIPPINE AIRLINES for Manila, Honolulu, Oakland: 1 p.m.
CNAC for Shanghai: 11.45 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Macao: 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 9 a.m.
CNAC for Shanghai: 11.15 a.m.; for Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m.; for Canton: 3.15 p.m., 5.05 p.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Macao: 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

MONDAY

BOAC for Singapore: 7.30 a.m.
CNAC for Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; for Canton: 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m.
CATHAY PACIFIC for Manila: 7 a.m. for Singapore via Bangkok: 8 a.m. for Macao: 9 a.m.
CNAC for Amoy, Swatow, Foochow, Nanking, Shanghai, Tsingtao.

TODAY

BREVERETT (Everett) from Manila.
STEEL EXECUTIVE (U.S.L.) from Atlantic Ports.
TSINAN (B. & S.) from Swatow.
WINGSANG (Jardine) from Shanghai.

TOMORROW

AXEL SALEN (Wm. Hunt) from Atlantic Ports.
PIONEER LAKE (U.S.L.) from New York.
TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) from Macassar, Java Ports.
TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) from U.K. via Straits.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

ANCHILLES for Tobaco (Philippines).
ANHUI for Swatow.
BRITAIN VICTORY for Kobe.
FERNPLANT for Manila.
GRETE MAERSK for Manila.
INDIAN EXPORTER for Shanghai.
NINGHAI for Yokohama.
PIONEER LAKE for Manila.
STANVAC 312 for Tsingtao.

TODAY

CASTLEVILLE for Haiphong, Singapore.
GENERAL GORDON for Shanghai, San Francisco.
HAIYANG for Swatow.
KAMBODIA for Europe via Manila.
NAN HAI for Yawata.
NANCHANG for Iloilo, Pusan.
SHENGKING for Shanghai.
TAMARA for Atlantic Ports.
VILLE DE STRASBOURG for Haiphong, Saigon, Europe.

TOMORROW

ENGLISH PRINCE for New York.
HANGSANG for Sandakan.
NEWZEALAND VICTORY for Manila, Los Angeles.
TSINAN for Swatow.
VAN HEUTSZ for Swatow, Amoy.

VESSELS DUE FROM

AFRICA

	May
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-South America via South	Mid.

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	April
CHASTINE MAERSK (Jebsen) from New York, U.S. Ports	28
P. & T. PATHFINDER (Gourlie) ex-New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Hampton, Roads	30
PIONEER LAKE (U.S.L.) ex-New York, Boston, via Panama	25
STEEL EXECUTIVE (Gilman) ex-New York and Pacific Coast	end.
	May
DALI (De La Rama) via Los Angeles	22
CHINESE PRINCE (Jardine)	29
LAURA MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	22
PIONEER COVE (U.S.L.) ex-New York, Boston via Panama	4
SILVEROAK (R. J. L.)	early.
	June
MS DONA AURORA (De La Rama) via Los Angeles	early.

PACIFIC COAST

	April
NEW ZEALAND VICTORY (Jardine) ex-San Francisco	15
PRES. CLEVELAND (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco	30
SURPRISE (U. S. L.) ex-San Francisco	30.
STEEL EXECUTIVE (Gilman) ex-Atlantic and Pacific Coast	end
	May
CAPITAL VICTORY (Jardine) ex-San Francisco	25
CHINA BEAR (USL) ex-San Francisco, ...	3
CHINA TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-San Francisco	12
CHINESE PRINCE (Jardine) from San Francisco	21
GREAT REPUBLIC (U.S.L.) from San Francisco	12
JULIA LUCKENBACH (U.S.L.) from San Francisco	9
LIGHTNING (USL) ex-San Francisco	10
MANCHURIA (East Asiatic)	—
MARINE SNAPPER (APL) ex-San Francisco	7
PACIFIC TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-San Francisco	15
PRES. PIERCE (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco	7
SAN ANGELO VICTORY (Gilman)	9
SCOTT E LAND (APL) ex-San Francisco	3
	June
DONA AURORA (De La Rama) ex-Atlantic Ports via Los Angeles	early

AUSTRALIA

	May
HINDUSTAN (Jardine) from Brisbane	30
NANKIN (Mac. Mac.)	9
SHANSI (B. & S.)	19

CHINA

	April
ANHUI (B. & S.) from Swatow, Amoy	16
ALPHACCA (R.I.L.) from Japan via Shanghai	19
CHOYSANG (Jardine) ex-Manila	19
HANYANG (B. & S.) from Foochow	27
KUTSANG (Jardine) from Tsingtao via Foochow, Amoy	28
NEW ZEALAND VICTORY (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	28
SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Shanghai	26
TSINAN (B. & S.) from Swatow ..	24
YOCHOW (B. & S.) from Shanghai	29
	May
VAN HEUTSZ (B.I.L.) from Amoy, Swatow	2
WINGSANG (Jardine) from Shanghai, Keelung	24

EUROPE

	April
BRYNJE (Gilman)	end.
GREENSTAR (Jardine) ex-U.K.	19
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-U.K.	18
STENTOR (B. & S.) from U.K. via Straits, Manila	19
TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits	19
	May
BENARTY (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Mid
BENMACDHUI (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Mid
CANTON (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K.	end
GLENGYLE (Jardine) ex-U.K.	10
HALLAND (Gilman)	end
MANGALORE (Gilman)	early
UNITA (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K.	12
ZUIDERKERK (RIL)	8
TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits	21
ZUIDERKERK (RIL)	8
TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits	early
BENMACDHUI (Loxley) from U.K. ex-U.K.	early
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-U.K.	early
MARINE SNAPPER (A.P.L.) ex-U.K.	early
TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K., Continent via Straits	19

INDIA

	April
SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) from Calcutta, Rangoon	20
	May
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Calcutta, Rangoon, Straits	3.
PURNEA (Mac. Mac.) from Karachi, Bombay	6

JAPAN

	April
KUTSANG (Jardine) ex-Yokohama, Kobe	26
LANCASHIRE (Mac. Mac.) from Kure	30
STRAAT SOENDA (R.I.L.)	30
	May
ALPHACCA (R.I.L.) via Shanghai..	1
BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.) from Japan, Shanghai	4
NANKIN (Mac. Mac.)	17
SIRDHANA (Mac. Mac.) ex-Japan & Amoy	2
TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.)	27
	June
TREVEAN (P. & O.) ex-Japan	15

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

	April
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-Singapore	28.
FLYING ARROW (Pattison) ex-Manila	Mid
FUKIEN (B. & S.) from Java, S'pore	27
GLENGARRY (Jardine) from U.K. via Straits	26
SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) from Calcutta, Rangoon via Straits	29
TJIMADAK (R.I.L.) from Macassar, Java ports	25
	May
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) from Calcutta, Rangoon, Straits	3
PRES. PIERCE (A.P.L.) from San Francisco via Manila	7
STENTOR (B. & S.) from U.K. via Straits, Manila	8

SOUTH AMERICA

	May
STRAAT MALACCA (R. I. L.) ..	Mid

SAILINGS TO

AFRICA

May
11 BOISSEVAIN (R.I.L.) for South Africa via South America.

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

Apr.
26 PIONEER WAVE for New York via Panama .... (U.S.L.)
26 PRES. MONROE for New York via Manila, Singapore, Suez. .. (APL)
25 DURANCO VICTORY for New York and other Atlantic Ports via Panama ..... (U. S. L.)
27 ANDREW JACKSON for New York, Shanghai, Honolulu ..... (Wallem)
May
2 SCOTT E. LAND for New York via Manila, Straits, Colombo, Mediterranean Ports, ... (A.P.L.)
5 SALLY MAERSK for New York via San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama. (Jebsen).
6 CAPE JUNCTION (Gilman) for Atlantic Ports via Panama.
7 MARINE SNAPPER for New York via Manila, Singapore, India, Mediterranean Ports, ... (A.P.L.)
16 CRETE MAERSK for New York via San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama. (Jebsen).
17. PRES POLK for New York, Boston, Havana via Manila, Singapore, India, Mediterranean Ports ..... (A.P.L.)
June
4 CHASTINE MAERSK for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama New York ..... (Jebsen)
27 DAURA MAERSK for N. York (Jebsen).

PACIFIC COAST

Apr.
24 TAMARA (De La Rama), for Atlantic coast via Los Angeles
24 GENERAL GORDON for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
25 NEW ZEALAND VICTORY (Jardine) for San Francisco via Manila.
26 PRES. MONROE ..... (A.P.L.)
30 PRES. TAFT for San Francisco via Shanghai Kobe, Yokohama (A.P.L.)
May
1 PRES. CLEVELAND for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
1 SURPRISE ..... (USL)
4 CHINA BEAR ..... (USL)
5 SALLY MAERSK (Jebsen) for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama, New York.
5 PRES. PIERCE for San Francisco via Shanghai, Hebow, Pusan (A.P.L.)
6 JULIA LUCKENBACH (U.S.L.) for San Francisco.
7 MARINE SNAPPER ..... (A.P.L.)
8 ROSEVILLE (Bank) for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Vancouver, Seattle.
11 GREAT REPUBLIC (U.S.L.) for San Francisco.
11 LIGHTNING ..... (U.S.L.)
15 GEN. MEIGS for San Francisco via Manila, Honolulu, ... (A. P. L.)
15 CHINA TRANSPORT (Jardine) for San Francisco via Shanghai, Yokohama,
15 PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT (Jardine) for San Francisco via Manila.
Mid. VILIA ..... (Mollers)
16 CRETE MAERSK (Jebsen) for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama, New York.
18 PRES. McKINLEY, for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama .. (APL)
19 PRES. WILSON for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
June
4 CHASTINE MAERSK (Jebsen) for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama, New York,
Mid. YINGNES ..... (Mollers)
Mid. HALLAND ..... (De La Rama)
August
Early. UITO ..... (Mollers)

CANADA

May
9 LAKE PENNASK (Jardine) for Vancouver via Los Angeles.
8 ROSEVILLE for Vancouver, Seattle ..... (Bank Line)
27 LAKE MANITOU (Jardine) for Vancouver.

CHINA

April
29 VAN HEUTSZ for Swatow, Amoy ..... (B. I. L.)
24 GENERAL GORDON for San Francisco via Shanghai .. (A.P.L.)
26 NANCHANG (B. & S.) for Hohow, Pusan.
1 HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow
26 SHENGKING (B. & S.) for Shanghai.
25 VAN HEUTSZ (B.I.L.) for Amoy, Swatow.
29 WINGSANG (Jardine) for Keelung, Shanghai.
Late. RECONSHIRE for Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
28 ANDREW JACKSON (Wallem) for New York via Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe, Honolulu.
29 LIN SHEN (C.M.S.N.) for Shanghai.
29 PRES. TAFT (A.P.L.) for San Francisco and Los Angeles via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama.
May
1 HANKANG (B. & S.) for Amoy, Foochow, Namkok.
1 PRES. CLEVELAND for San Francisco via Shanghai ..... (A.P.L.)
3 ANHUI (B. & S.) for Amoy, Swatow, Holhow, Saigon and Singapore.
3 LT. DE LA TOUR for Shanghai (M. M.)
3 SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) for Amoy, Shanghai, Japan.
2 TREVELYAN for Shanghai and Japan ..... (Mac. Mac.)
7 EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) for Shanghai, Kure, Kobe, Nagoya, Yokohama.
..... (Mac. Mac.)
8 WINGSANG (Mac. Mac.) for Keelung, Shanghai.
9 PRES. PIERCE (A.P.L.) for San Francisco via Shanghai, Inchan, Pusan.
9 PURNEA (Mac. Mac.) for Shanghai.
10 HAIYANG for Amoy, Swatow .... (Douglas)
10 NANKIN for Japan via Shanghai
10 SZECHUEN (B. & S.) for Swatow, Bangkok, Saigon.
11 GLENGYLE (Jardine) for Japan via Shanghai.
13 CHINA TRANSPORT (Jardine) for San Francisco via Shanghai, Yokohama.
15 HUNAN (B. & S.) for Amoy, Inchan, Tientsin.
17 TREVEAN (Mac. Mac.) for Shanghai.
19 PRES. WILSON (A.P.L.) for San Francisco via Shanghai.
June
17 TREVOSE (Mac. Mac.) for Japan via Shanghai.

EUROPE

April
24 KAMBODIA (East Asiatic) for Europe via Manila, Port Said.
24 VILLE DE STRASBOURG (M.M.) for Haiphong and Saigon.
25 BENCRUACHAN (Loxley) for London, Antwerp.
27 GLAUCUS for Liverpool via Port Said ..... (B. & S.)
26 PRES. MONROE (A.P.L.) for Atlantic Coast via Mediterranean Ports.
29 ALPHACCA for Europe via Manila, Singapore ..... (R. I. L.)
May
2 LANCASHIRE (Mac. Mac.) for U.K. via Straits.
Mid. BENARTY for London, Antwerp (Loxley)
12 GLENGARRY (Jardine) for U.K.
12 LT. DE LA TOUR for Europe .... (M. M.)
15 CANTON for U. K., via Straits .. .. (Mac. Mac.)
15 BENMACDHUI for Rotterdam, Antwerp ..... (Loxley)
21 DALI for Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam ..... (Gilman).
25 REVEAN for U. K., and Continent via Straits ..... (Mac. Mac).
29 TREVELYAN for U.K., Continent via Aden ..... (Mac. Mac).
end ORESTES (B. & S.) for U.K. via Manila, U.S.A.
end MISR (M.M.) for Singapore, Marseilles.
June
Early HALLAND for Continent via Pt. Said ..... (Gilman)
Early BRYNJE (Gilman) for North Continent via Suez, Genoa, Marseilles.
2 RIDDERKERK ..... (R.I.L.)
Mid. ANDRE LEBON for Europe (M.M.)

INDIA

May
6 PURNEA (Mac. Mac.) for Karachi, Bombay.

JAPAN

April.
30 PRES. TAFT for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A. P. L.)
May
2 ALPHACCA via Shanghai. (R.I.L.)
2 FUKIEN (B. & S.) for Yokohama, Kobe.
2 SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) via Amoy, Shanghai.
2 TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) via Shanghai.
4 PRES. PIERCE for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama .. (A. P. L.)
7 EASTERN SAGA (Mac. Mac.) for Kure, Kobe, Nagoya, Yokohama, via Shanghai.
9 NANKIN via Shanghai (Mac. Mac.)
11 GLENGYLE (Jardine) via Shanghai.
13 CHINA TRANSPORT for Yokohama via Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
17 PRES. McKINLEY for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
26 PACIFIC TRANSPORT for Yokohama via Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
June
15 TREVEAN (P. & O.) to Japan.
17. TREVOSE (Mac. Mac.) via Shanghai.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

April
24 CASTLEVILLE for Singapore, Batavia ..... (Bank Line)
24 PIONEER LAKE for Manila (U.S.L.)
25 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
25 HONG SIANG (Ho Hong) for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon.
25 NEW ZEALAND VICTORY for San Francisco via Manila ... (Jardine)
25 LINFIELD VICTORY for Manila, Pacific Coast ..... (Jardine)
26 PRESIDENT MONROE (APL) for New York via Manila, Singapore, Suez.
27 Chi Mei (C.M.S.N.) for Singapore, Bangkok.
27 HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) for Singapore.
28 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
28 TJISADANE for Batavia-Semarang, Soutabaya, Macassar ..... (R.I.L.)
29 HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) for Singapore.
30 KUTSANG (Jardine) for Straits, Calcutta.
30 YOCHOW (B. & S.) for Singapore, Java ports.
end ST. MICHEL (M.M.) for Haiphong.
June
4 CHASTINE MAERSK (Jebsen) for San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama, New York,
Mid. YINGNES ..... (Mollers)
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29 ALPHACCA for Europe via Manila, Singapore ..... (R. I. L.)
May
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INDIA

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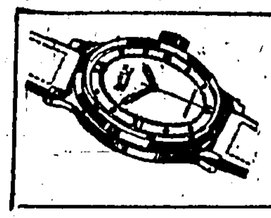
JAPAN

April.
30 PRES. TAFT for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A. P. L.)
May
2 ALPHACCA via Shanghai. (R.I.L.)
2 FUKIEN (B. & S.) for Yokohama, Kobe.
2 SANGOLA (Mac. Mac.) via Amoy, Shanghai.
2 TREVELYAN (Mac. Mac.) via Shanghai.
4 PRES. PIERCE for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama .. (A. P. L.)
7 EASTERN SAGA (Mac. Mac.) for Kure, Kobe, Nagoya, Yokohama, via Shanghai.
9 NANKIN via Shanghai (Mac. Mac.)
11 GLENGYLE (Jardine) via Shanghai.
13 CHINA TRANSPORT for Yokohama via Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
17 PRES. McKINLEY for San Francisco via Kobe, Yokohama ..... (A.P.L.)
26 PACIFIC TRANSPORT for Yokohama via Shanghai ..... (Jardine)
June
15 TREVEAN (P. & O.) to Japan.
17. TREVOSE (Mac. Mac.) via Shanghai.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

April
24 CASTLEVILLE for Singapore, Batavia ..... (Bank Line)
24 PIONEER LAKE for Manila (U.S.L.)
25 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
25 HONG SIANG (Ho Hong) for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon.
25 NEW ZEALAND VICTORY for San Francisco via Manila ... (Jardine)
25 LINFIELD VICTORY for Manila, Pacific Coast ..... (Jardine)
26 PRESIDENT MONROE (APL



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ATTEMPTED MURDER

Wife, Mother Weep As Coolie Sentenced

A pathetic scene was witnessed in the court room of the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon after Wong Hung, sanitary coolie, had been sentenced to four years' imprisonment by Mr. T. J. Gould, the Puisne Judge, for the attempted murder of his wife.

After the court had risen the mother and wife of accused wept bitterly. The mother later knelt on the floor wailing and weeping. A sympathetic juror helped her with money. When told to leave the court she refused and had to be taken out by a constable. At the steps of the Court she was still crying.

Some Leniency

Before passing sentence, Mr. Gould told accused that the crime of which he was found guilty be regarded as serious and in most cases carried a 10 or 12 years' term of imprisonment. In extending some leniency, he had taken into consideration that he was probably influenced in some way by the drinks he had taken, but more particularly because of his wife, who had made a great plea for him. She had stood by him in his trouble and had done all she could for him.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, was for the prosecution, assisted by Det. S. Inspector Matches. Accused was not defended.

Testifying on oath, Wong maintained he was drunk on the night of January 22 and he had no knowledge of what had happened. He saw his wife the following day when she was being carried out of the Cemetery by some people.

Wong alleged that when he was being questioned at the police station a Chinese detective-sergeant, Tam Chung, threatened to "break every bone in my body if I did not confess." He further alleged that Tam wrote out a prepared confession and he was asked to sign it, and when he refused he was severely beaten-up with an iron bar. Tam, he alleged, told him to make his statement to the Inspector as he had been instructed or he would suffer a further beating. Wong alleged he was beaten-up three times in all. He was unable to bear the pain, so he had no alternative but to confess.

Denied Charges

Wong declared he had not struck his wife with the iron pick-axe head, nor had he taken the three gold finger-rings to be melted. As far as he could recollect, he had only given her a push.

Following evidence by the accused, the wife was recalled by the Court. She declared that her husband was a good man, that he often gave up his own food to her, and that she did not think her husband would have attacked her. She asked the Court to discharge him and to let him return to her as she was not an able woman, and her mother-in-law, with whom she lived, was also old.

Also recalled by the Court, Wong's aged mother testified that her son had always been a good man, and had not been in any trouble before. She admitted, however, that he was fond of drinking, and when he became drunk he got excited and beat himself.

Parker—Fairbairn Wedding

An exceedingly charming all white formal wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon when Miss Elizabeth Rosemary Parker became the bride of Mr. Geoffrey Fairbairn, assistant manager of Caldbeck, MacGregor and Co. Ltd. The Rev. George She officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. F. MacGregor, in place of her father who is at present in Australia, wore a full length gown of white slipper satin with a full circular train. Her tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white gladioli and tuberoses.

Attending the bride was her sister, Miss Bunty Parker, who wore a long dress of white organdie over taffeta. She carried a bouquet of lemon gladioli with beardress to match.

Two very dainty flower girls, Misses Andrea and Elizabeth Talbot, carried the bride's train. They wore short dresses of white organdie with ruffles round the yoke. Their posies were an assortment of pastel shaded flowers.

The duties of best man were discharged by Major R. Kindersley H. L. I.

The reception at the residence of Commander and Mrs. R. Talbot was attended by a large number of prominent people.

The newly-weds left later for their honeymoon which is being spent in Formosa.

Keen Bids For Lantau Lot

After some very keen bidding, Salt Pan No. 1 at Tai O, Lantau Island, was yesterday knocked down for $17,700 (approximately five times the upset price) by Mr. Whitfield, Land Officer, to Mr. Chan Lam-fong of 179 Wing Lok Street, West at the District Office, New Territories, Kowloon Magistracy Building.

With an area of 37.37 acres and a lease of 15 years, the lot was offered for $3,737. The opening bid arised it to the round figure of $3,800. By bids of $100, $200 and $300, the price was raised to $16,000 within ten minutes, after which the fight became less brisk.

Increases of $100 were slower in coming, although there was no diminishing of intending purchasers for no sooner did one drop out than another stepped into the breach. The final offer of $17,700 was made after the auction had been in progress for 25 minutes.

Another lot sold by public auction at the District Office, New Territories, yesterday was Lot 232 at Yau Kam-tau, Tsun Wan, with an area of 5.38 acres and an annual Crown rent of $21.60, which went for $1,200 ($30 above the upset price) to Mr. Chan Pui-kin of 40 Des Voeux Road, Central, second floor.

Over-Charged Sub-Tenants

The principal tenant of No. 130, Austin Road, first floor, Kowloon, Yu Sai-yuen, charged with three breaches of rent regulations, was fined $500 on two counts, cautioned on a third and ordered to refund $582 and $300, respectively, to Fred Carpio and Winston Tsang, sub-tenants, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon

C.T. Byron, of the S.C.A., prosecuted.

Byron told the Court that defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charges, was collecting $402 us against $252 permitted by the Government.

The rent of the flat was $195, and defendant was allowed to collect with a 20 per cent profit.

Fred Carpio paid $160 (instead of $63) for a room and Tsang paid $180 (instead of $80) for a room. Another sub-tenant, Mrs. Wong, paid the regular amount, $60.

Defendant agreed to refund to Carpio and Tsang the necessary amount as assessed by Byron.

He told the Court that he was recently employed as a typist and would pay his sub-tenants back within two weeks.

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ICI Final Dividend

The Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited announce that they have decided to recommend a final dividend on the Ordinary Stock of 7 per cent (less income tax at the standard rate for 1948/49) making with the interim of 3 per cent a total of 10 per cent for the year 1947.

Net income for the year 1947, after providing all taxation on the profits of the year and £3,000,000 (the same as for 1946) for the Central Obsolescence & Depreciation Provision, amounts to £7,646,993, compared with £7,171,105 for 1946.

The total amount available for 1947, including £3,305,815 brought forward from 1946, is £10,952,748.

Of this balance the Directors have made a further special Central Provision for obsolescence and depreciation of £3,000,000 (as against £1,500,000 for 1946) and have appropriated £1,000,000 to Revenue Reserve (nil for 1946). Provision for the dividend (net) on the Preference Stock amounts to £926,992 and for the interim and final dividends (net) on the Ordinary Stock to £2,775,581, leaving £3,250,175 to be carried forward to 1948.

The dividend will be payable on the 16th June, 1948 to members on the register on 23rd April 1948.

Carried Revolver Muzzle

"Carriers of parts of arms are assisting in increasing armed robberies in the Colony as we do not doubt that other parts are in Hong Kong," said Det. Sub-Inspector W. B. Scragg when he asked Mr. W. H. Latimer to take a serious view of the case in which Chan Tong (25) was charged with possession of a muzzle of a Smith & Wesson revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Defendant, who pleaded that he was given the arms and ammunition to carry into the Colony by Cheng Choi who was to meet him at the K.C.R. station, was sentenced to 14 months' hard labour.

Accused, said DSI Scragg, arrived at K.C.R. station at 8 p.m. on April 12 by train. When asked by CRO Lau Kiu to raise his hands to be searched, accused raised the left hand higher than the right. This aroused the suspicion of the Revenue Officer. The muzzle was found strapped to the lower part of the left hand.

Inside a cigarette packet was found two live rounds and three empty cartridge cases.

LUZON PLANE MYSTERY

Manila, Apr. 23.

An unconfirmed report said today that a powerful radio set, apparently intended for the use of the outlawed Hukbalahap, was dropped by parachute by a non-Filipino plane on the slopes of Mount Arayat in Central Luzon but was recovered by Constabulary troops.

American officers will be asked to view the equipment for possible identification. It is suspected Huk sympathizers in the United States armed forces dropped the set.—United Press.

London, Apr. 22.

A training flight by British bombers, arranged for tonight, over Western Germany and Northern France, has been postponed because of unfavourable weather conditions.—Reuter.

Singapore Paralyzed By General Strike

Singapore, Apr. 23.

The great port of Singapore was paralysed today by a 24-hour general strike. The stoppage, called to protest police raids on union premises and arrests of union leaders, involved about 30,000 workers, official sources said.

Twenty three ships were immobilised as 8,500 dockers and stevedores entered the seventh day of their wage strike.

Private bus companies ignored the strike call. They took over the routes of the struck Singapore Traction Company's busmen and tram-workers. C.I.D. Chief J. C. Barry said police guards were placed on buses after the strikers had threatened a bus driver. Private taxis also eased the transport problem.

Strike-bound buses prevented many workers from reaching their 'jobs. Most commercial business houses remained open.

The general strike was called by the Singapore Federation of Trade Unions.— Associated Press.

Berlin Council's New Constitution

Berlin, Apr. 22.

The Berlin City Council today adopted a new constitution despite opposition from the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party.

The Council has a Social Democrat majority. The voting was 83 against 20.

The constitution will now be submitted to the four-power Allied Kommandatura for approval.

Under the constitution, Germans in all the four sectors of the city are entitled to apply for a writ of habeas corpus. There is a clause guaranteeing the rights of conscientious objectors to military service.

The Bizonal Economic Council, meeting in Frankfurt tonight, voted overwhelmingly to accept a Social Democrat motion to establish a seven-man committee to effect an economic liaison between the Bizonal area and the Western sectors of Berlin.

Only the six Communist members of the Council opposed the measure.

Herr Gustav Dahrendorf, Vice-President of the Council, urged approval for the measure "because Berlin need it not only for economic, but moral, reasons."—Reuter.

Red Plot In Shanghai

Shanghai, April 23.

A Communist plot to paralyse local industry by explosion of the electric generator at Yangtsepoo (eastern district of Shanghai) was nipped in the bud by the Shanghai Garrison authorities with the arrest of 11 suspects, it was announced last night by the City Government.

The Communist underground plot, besides undermining local manufacturing, would create confusion and unrest by throwing over 100,000 labourers out of employment, according to the confessions of the arrested men.

The method used by the saboteurs was to throw iron filings into the electric generator at the plant to halt the electricity supply in industrial sections of the city.—Reuter.

SPAIN, FRANCE IN SEMI-FINALS

Paris, Apr. 23.

Pedro Nassip of Spain and Marcel Bernard of France advanced to the semi-finals of an inter-nation tennis tournament on Thursday and will play each other next.

French veteran Henri Cochet will meet Christen Cariluis of Rumania in the other semi-final.

Nassip defeated Robert Abdessalam of France 6-8, 8-6, 6-1, 8-6. Bernard downed Torsten Johanssen of Sweden 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.— Associated Press.

WOODCOCK READY

Doncaster, Apr. 21.

Bruce Woodcock said today that he is ready to defend his heavyweight title against Freddie Mills as soon as the Board of Control considers fit.

"I do not expect the fight will be before autumn," he said, "because Mills has a heavy programme. I am feeling pretty fit now and should be ready for the ring soon."—Associated Press.

INSPECTOR REMANDED

A week's remand was granted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a Tramway Inspector, Cheong Sang, appeared on a charge of conspiring with others not in custody to defraud the Hong Kong Tramway Company between February 1 and March 31 1948.

Inspector Morrison will prosecute.

London, Apr. 22.

In a Rugby League match played today, St. Helens beat Belle Vue Rangers by 21 points to two.—Reuter.

Divorce Hearing Adjourned

An application by Violet Edith Vio (petitioner) of "Corrabert" 210 Orrong Road, Torrak, Melbourne, Australia, for a dissolution of her marriage to Eric Vio (respondent), Medical Practitioner, 3rd floor, Exchange Building, and for custody of a child of the marriage, was adjourned one month yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, (Chief Justice).

The adjournment was ordered by Mr. Justice Williams so that the name and other particulars of the co-respondent, might be ascertained.

It was pointed out by Mr. Charles Loseby, who appeared for the petitioner, on the instructions of Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Co., that a letter had been written asking for the necessary particulars, but that the request had been refused.

Italian Party May Split

Rome, Apr. 22.

Leaders of the Nenni Socialist (Leftwing) Party, allied to the Communists, met here today to discuss the party's situation following the Popular Front defeat in the elections.

Signor Pietro Nenni, the Party leader, was not present. He is resting in North Italy after his car accident at the end of the electoral campaign.

Those who met today included Signor Lollo Basso, the young party secretary who supports co-operation with the Communists, and Signor Giuseppe Romita, who is expected by some observers to lead a breakaway to the Right-wing Socialists under Signor Giuseppe Saragat.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP DOUBLES

Harrogate, Apr. 23.

R.J. Mottram, England's number one player, will partner Geoggrey Paish against Misra and Sawnhey in the doubles match of the Britain versus India Davis Cup tie here this afternoon.

This last minute change in the pairings was announced by Britain's non-playing captain, F.T. Stowe, this morning. It was generally thought that Paish and Billington would be Britain's doubles pair but in view of yesterday's singles results, winning the doubles may be a likely vital match, and it was decided to include Mottram.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Apr. 22.

The following were the results of football games played today:

Third Division (Southern): Notts County 4 Brighton and Hove 0.

Third Division (Northern): Hull City 2 Crewe Alexandra 1.

Scottish "B" Supplementary Cup, semi-final: East Fife 9 Albion Rovers 1.

Friendly Match: Carlisle 3 Clyde 0.—Reuter.

CAR OWNER CAUTIONED

A caution was registered against Frederick Fisher when he appeared at the Central Magistracy before Mr. Hin Shing-lo yesterday to answer a summons for causing an obstruction by parking a large car in the Pedder Street car park, which is intended for small cars.

Inspector R.T. Ross prosecuted.

Double Feature For Diamond Grand Finale

(By "GRANDSTAND")

A double-barreled exhibition attraction will feature the Grand Finale to a season's torrid race for pennant honours, when the Junior Loop Champs, Billy Soares' Homuntin Braves take on the rest of the circuit, while the Chinese belles cross bats with Gussie Noronha's Las Portuguesas in the final of the Ladies International Series.

Three junior loop games on Saturday and a ladies scuffle on Sunday morning wind-up the season's schedule of 210 games.

To the true follower of the pastime, the lowering of the curtain is by no means the end of the season—it only marks the beginning of the Hot Stove League, when fans gather in gabfests to recount the outstanding exploits on the diamond, the memory of some of which will be long cherished.

The Portuguese lassies will be out to make up for the defeat of the Portuguese males last week and to uphold the honour of the Republic, and to this end, mentor Gussie Noronha has rounded up a star-studded line up, with Big Chief Wahoo Terry Noronha toeing the rubber with her battery mate Patsy Ribeiro behind the plate. The first base slot is between Wahoo Hilda Soares and Ace Inez Soares, but in view of the former's heavier stick-work borne out by figures, she should get the nod.

At the key-stone, the usual double-play pivot position, Gus Noronha has placed Cynthia da Motta, peppery Wildcat Hot Corner guardian, with Irene "Miss Short-stop" in the windy alley.

Girlie Gaan, most valuable player in the ladies loop will be stomping in her slot at the Fat Turn. Teresa "Chbochi" Baptista, Melvie Campos and Celly Gutteres form and the slugging gardening trio.

Chinese Team

The Chinese contingent which eliminated Great Britain the previous week should be fielding the same line-up with Alice Mar on the mound. This outfit which is none other than the Ladies' league Maple Leafers have made several positional changes in recent games and the final line-up is anybody's guess. The probable inner quartette will be Ella Chin, Mavis Bunn, Jean Lee and Rosita Nye while the pasture patrol will be Rita Lo, Mary Bunn and Mary Ng. China won their game against Britain last week but it is your scribe's opinion that the best side was not decided. Elva Lee, Wahoo centre-gardener with a batting figure of .200 plus, and who has played the key-stone position at times, was left on the bench. I may be wrong, but all the same it didn't seem right.

Umpires down to call this important fracas are Don Robbins calling the balls and strikes, with Senio Markar and Fred Diesta watching the bases.

The Junior league Braves who finished a clear two games ahead of the pack will start their regular nine—Vic Pedruco blurring them to hind-snatcher Frank Correia, while Carlos Yvanovich will guard the initial sack. The Remedios cousins, Carlos and Chappy, will form the key-stone pair, with flashy Tony "Red" Osmund hook-slide artist holding down the 3rd base slot. The gardening team is one of the best in the minor loop. Ramon Loureiro, relief-hurler, patrolling the left with hitting-hope Frankie Vas in the centre. An up and coming youngster in the person of Eddie Remedios will roam over at the right. Eddie has been doing his job well, bungling only one fielding chance during the whole of the 18-game campaign, and that's good fly-shagging in any league.

Castro Named

Cosmo mentor Leslie Castro has been nominated to be the master-mind for the Rest side, with Igmar Eriksen and Sabu Samy as coaching aides. This conglomeration of stars will be made up of batteries Aft Azevedo-M. Yusuf and R. Silva-Anatoly, with the former pair taking the start-off assignment. The other players will be selected from the following: Infielders—Gerry Langenberg, Junior Remedios (Jaguars); Tiger Hussain, Sahmet Samy (Rexes); Reggie Castro, Tony Silva (Dare-devils); R. Vas (Josephians). Outfielders—Lionel Sequeira, Mike Diefrich (Jaguars); Murdo Nicholson (Rangers), Ollie Vaz (Blue Beetles) and Joker Silva (Dare-devils). Arbiters for this grand show will be Hal Winglee behind the batter, Philo Remedios, junior loop prexy calling the plays at first base, and Jock Brown at third.

In the Ladies loop, Canuckette short-stop Jean Lee is heading the list in the hitting parade with an impressive .429 while Madcap Ace third-sacker Girlie Gaan is trailing close behind by .422.

A play-off of their scheduled league game tomorrow will decide, the winner of the season's honours. If this game should be forfeited by either party, then Jean Lee will be the Queen of Swat for 1948.

Programme

Programme for week-end and umpire roster:—

LEAGUES' LEAGUE

C.B.A. Ground—Sunday

1.30 a.m.—Canadians v. Aces.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

C.B.A. Ground—Saturday

2.30 p.m.—Blue Beetles v. Cosmos.

4.00 p.m.—Cosmos v. Blue Beetles.

Recreio Football Ground—Saturday

2.30 p.m.—Dare-devils v. United Nations (G. Langenberg, Emil Leon, L. Sequeira).

EXHIBITION GAME

Recreio Softball Diamond—Sunday

3.00 p.m.—Portugal v. China (Don Robbins, Senior Markar, Fred Diesta).

Newmarket Callover

London, April 22.

The cards of the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby were called over at the Victoria Club tonight as follows:

Two Thousand Guineas: 15 to 8 My Babu offered, 2 to 1 taken, 7 to 2 The Cobbler offered, 4 to 1 taken, 100 to 8 Pride of India, 100 to 7 Birthday Greetings and Djeddah, all taken and offered, 100 to 6 Julian offered, 28 to 1 Pretence taken and offered, 33 to 1 Straight Play, Royal Drake and Sola Slipper, all offered.

The Derby: 9 to 2 My Babu offered, 100 to 8 The Cobbler offered, 13 to 1 taken, 100 to 8 Black Tarquin offered, 100 to 7 taken, 100 to 6 Pride of India, 20 to 1 Birthday Greetings, 22 to 1 Straight Play, 28 to 1 Julian and Hoylake, both offered, 33 to 1 Sola Slipper taken and offered.

Only ten horses were given quotations for the Guineas and four of them were not backed.

Nine horses were given a quotation for the Derby.—Reuter.

Cincinnati Beat Cards

New York, Apr. 22.

Catcher Del Wilber's error permitted rightfielder Baumholtz to cross home with the deciding run today and the Cincinnati Reds salvaged the last of the three games series with the Cardinals, defeating them 4-3, Wilber dropped Stan Musial's perfect return of an outfield fly in the ninth inning.

In the American League, Detroit Tigers, on a three run sixth inning, won their third straight game from the Chicago White Sox, taking the game 3-2.

Barney McKosky's ninth inning two-bagger, which Sam Mele lost in the sun, drove in a pair of runs that gave the Philadelphia Athletics their third straight win over the Boston Red Sox.

The Athletics drove Dave Ferris out of action in the seventh inning and righthander Bob Savage wound up as the winning pitcher after taking over for Joe Coleman in the seventh.

Scores:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Boston	10	12	1
Philadelphia (Winning pitcher Clyde Shoun)	4	11	3
Brooklyn	6	10	1
New York (Winning pitcher Harry Taylor)	3	7	1
Chicago	0	2	3
Pittsburgh (Winning pitcher Elmer Riddle)	3	10	0
Cincinnati	4	10	1
Saint Louis (Winning pitcher Harry Gumbert)	3	9	3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit	3	6	1
Chicago (Winning pitcher Virgil Trucks)	2	8	0
Philadelphia	5	9	2
Boston (Winning pitcher Bob Savage)	3	8	1

—Associated Press.

Medicine Rationed In Atomic War

San Francisco, Apr. 22.

Dr. Stafford Warren of California University told American physicians today that in an atomic war they may have to deny medical treatment to thousands of persons dying slow, agonising deaths from atomic radiation.

He said that in an atomic cataclysm doctors will be forced to ration medical supplies and treatment only to those who "have a chance of surviving."

He said: "In treating radioactive sickness on a mass scale we cannot afford to waste precious blood plasma and other resources on patients who are doomed anyway."

One of the first American scientists to study the medical after-effects of the atom bomb blasting of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Dr. Warren said: "We must learn to differentiate between those on the borderline and those waiting death. I do not want to scare anybody but this is a serious problem. We are particularly vulnerable to atomic bombing. The destruction of two of five key cities could eliminate us as a political and economic force."

Dr. Warren said that fantastically small amounts of radiation could prove fatal, and it is not known if body cells and tissue damaged by hard gamma rays ever recover completely from moderate exposure.—United Press.

COALTOWN EASILY

Lexington, Kentucky, Apr. 23.

Calumet Farm's Coaltown was an easy winner in Thursday's Bluegrass Stakes of a mile and an eighth at Keeneland to shove himself into the middle of the Kentucky Derby picture.

The Walmac Farm's Billing was second and Dixiana Farm's Shy Guy, was third in a field of six.—Associated Press.

ONE MATCH ALL

Harrogate, April 22.

Britain and India each won one rubber at the end of the first day's play in the first round of this year's Davis Cup competition.

Dilip Bose gave India a good start by beating Howard Walton by 6/3, 6/3, 6/2 but Tony Mottram levelled the scores by defeating Sumant Misra by 6/0, 6/3, 7/5.—Reuter.

FANLING STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY

9.28 W. H. Lydall—R. G. Buchan
9.44 A. E. Lissaman—E. T. McMullen
9.48 R. G. Gray—W. S. Vaughan
9.52 M. B. Tighe—S. S. Gordon
9.56 R. Mackichan—C. D. N. Walker
10.00 J. L. Kay—P. F. F. Watkinson
10.04 D. S. Robb—K. A. Miller

SQUASH RESULTS

The following are the results of a Squash Rackets Match played at the Victoria Squash Courts on Thursday, between Butterfield & Swire and the Hong Kong Bank.

J.K. Wilson (B. & S.) beat M.F.L. Haymes 2-1.
W.H. Lydall (Bank) beat H.N. Bardell 3-0.
R.G. Buchan (Bank) beat N.M. Speyer 3-0.
R. G. Grey (Bank) beat K. G. Adams 2-0.
E.E.F. Hibberd (Bank) beat J.H. Winter 3-0.

KOWLOON BOWLS

In connection with the departure from the Colony of Mr. S. Randle the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are arranging a match for Sunday between a team selected by the President, Mr. J. McKelvie and a team selected by Mr. S. Randle.

Members wishing to play are asked to give in their names before 3.00 p.m. on Sunday.

China's Industry Drifting To South

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

Commenting on the recent industrial southward drift, the influential independent newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, editorially revealed that the past three or four months witnessed the removal of more than ten factories to Hong Kong and Canton.

The paper said that the newly established Pacific and Sinhua enamel factories in Hong Kong are financed by Shanghai industrialists.

These two factories are scheduled to start operation within two months.

Textile industrialists have taken even greater interest in the southward industrial escape.

The Ta Kung Pao said that no less than 174 looms and a large amount of spindles and weaving machinery and factory equipment, weighing over 100 tons, have been shipped to Hong Kong from Shanghai.

The paper quoted a Hong Kong Government Gazette as revealing that four textile mills have already registered with the British Government and added that at least ten more are now rushing preparations for establishment of their plants in the British Colony.

It further disclosed that the huge private Sungsing Cotton Mills are also in the process of removal.

Opinions of local industrial leaders polled by the paper showed that the motives of industrial preference for the south were, firstly, there are no restrictions on imports and exports in Hong Kong; secondly, access to raw material is easier in the south; thirdly, it is easier to market the manufactured goods in the South Sea regions.

The paper urged the Government to take a serious view of the matter and carefully consider remedial measures.—Reuter.